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TOWN FREEDOM FOR GURKHAS

Hundreds of people waving Union flags greeted the Gurkhas as they marched through Sandgate on Monday to receive the freedom of the town.

The 2nd Battalion, the Royal Gurkha Rifles, which is based at Shorncliffe Barracks in Folkestone, had the honour conferred on them by Cllr Geoffrey Boot, Mayor of Sandgate who gave them a Freedom of Sandgate scroll.

A spokesman for the Army said: "It is a great honour to be conferred the freedom of Sandgate, a place where the very roots of modern soldiering were planted, and a mark of our continuing strong ties with and place within the local community."

Spectator Ian Hughes said: "It was stirring sight and the weather was just about perfect."

Cllr Jan Holben, of Sandgate Town Council, said: "We are proud to be associated with the Gurkhas."

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BY ED HILL

IN one of the biggest protest marches the village has ever seen, more than 500 people took to the streets of Sellindge on Saturday.

They were marching as part of a massive campaign to fight the dual threats of a sludge recycling centre and the hugely controversial Operation Stack lorry park.

The normally sedate village was transformed into a scene of determined opposition, with whistles, drumming and cries of defiance filling the air as the protestors marched a one-mile route from the village hall to the Airport Café.

Locals were swelled by residents of surrounding villages, including Newingreen, Smeeth and Aldington, in a bid to raise awareness of local opposition to the separate proposals.

Ronald Lello, spokesman for the Sellindge Says No to Sludge campaign, said: "We are delighted with the turn out we had. This march was about sending a message to planners and big business that people have a right to live in freedom from pollution and lorries."

"Most importantly, a message the people in County Hall who make decisions without talking to local people first."

The event had been organised by the Sellindge and District Residents' Association.

The recycling centre – or anaerobic digestion plant – is planned for the old Otterpool Quarry site opposite the Airport Café on the A20. It will



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RED ALERT: Alice Boxall with Lydd's horse-drawn Victorian fire engine

Fire engine has pride of place 30 years later

■ BY NICK AMES

A RESTORED horse-drawn Victorian fire engine is the centrepiece of the Lydd museum – appropriately situated in the town's old fire station.

The museum is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year and it recently added extra galleries covering the town's maritime, agricultural, aviation and military history.

But the fire engine, dating from 1890 and lovingly restored, remains the main attraction.

Alice Boxall, of the Friends of Lydd, said: "The engine was assigned to the town in 1890 and possibly the proudest moment was when it took part in a parade at Windsor Castle for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee.

"But it was also a crucial part of the town's emergency equipment, usually tackling fires on farms.

"The crews trained in Hythe and were all volunteers. They would be farmhands, brewery workers or shop staff.

"In an emergency, a bell would ring in their homes and they would come running to the station.

"If they were out of earshot – say in the fields – it would be their wives who would sound the alert by waving a red sign, such as a duster."

Mannequins in the museum show the type of costumes seen in the town during the 19th century.

Along with a fire-fighter are two women in their holiday finery, an agricultural worker and a coachman on his horse-drawn vehicle.

Lydd's legacy as a maritime town, a military centre and its aviation history are also represented, with displays and artefacts.

These include a scale model kite which was flown above the town more than 100 years ago by an American aviator.

The oldest item is a 19th century helmet which belonged to a cavalryman from the town's garrison.

A pair of roughly one-third size shops and a full-size kitchen and scullery complete the displays.

Miss Boxall said: "We are run entirely by volunteers and this all started when we asked for exhibits to be displayed as we raised objections to a planned development.

"When we fought and won our case we offered to give them all back, but everyone felt a permanent display would be a better idea.

"It is rare for a town of Lydd's size to have such a display and we attracted 1,000 visitors last year. This summer we aim to double that."

• For a look at the fire engine and a story of its history, go to www.yourkenttv.co.uk

Villagers start the fightback

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sludge-like liquid, which is then spread onto farmland.

But angry residents say the proposal, put forward by the company Countrystyle Recycling Ltd, will blight the village not only with smells and rubbish, but also with hundreds of lorries.

The controversial scheme only came to light recently after the plans accidentally bypassed the parish council.

Now villagers say the plant will lead to the industrialisation of a rural area and present increased dangers on the roads.

As well as the recycling plant, protestors used the demonstration to highlight local opposition to KCC's proposals for a 3,000-space lorry park close to the other end of the village.

The protestors say the area has already had to accept development such as the nearby power converter station and the Lympe Industrial Estate. They say the two schemes are a step too far.

Campaigner David Plumstead said: "This has really helped the community come together. This is English democracy in action. We can't just sit back and let big business concrete over Kent. We need to maintain our quality of life."

Sharon Abbott from Lympe said: "I went on the march because of my children's future. One of them has asthma, why should we put up with the rubbish and the stink? This is just the start of our protests. We are fighting for our homes."

Ian Medgett from the campaign's committee said: "The numbers that turned out just go to show the strength of feeling that these two proposals have caused. The campaign has only been going for six to eight weeks."

• What are YOUR views on the controversial proposals? Email us and let us know at yourshepway@kosmedia.co.uk. Or write to: The Editor, Yourshepway, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smethth, Ashford TN25 6SR.

Kids exercise more than their thumbs

A SCHEME allowing young people to get fit while playing electronic games has started at Folkestone Sports Centre.

"Exerstations" allow them to play games on hand-held equipment while taking part in upper body workouts.

It is part of the Cool 2 B-Fit campaign, backed by Kent County Council and the National Lottery.

Centre manager Tessa Stickler said: "We also raised £12,000 thanks to fundraising in the community. People really wanted this to happen."




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Downfall of a hoodie gang

BY ED HILL

THESE startling images capture the moment three hooded youths broke into a home – unaware they were being filmed.

The break-in came at the height of a prolonged period of harassment by teenagers, focused mainly on one homeowner.

Police have confirmed the house is in the Folkestone and Hythe area but are keeping the exact address secret.

After being caught on camera the hoodie gang was prosecuted by police, found guilty of burglary and given supervision orders.

Now police are looking to ensure others don't suffer a similar intrusion by warning householders to take extra care as the weather improves and people start leaving windows and doors open.



According to the force, figures for burglary are down from last year in the south Kent area.

There were 116 fewer victims from April 2007-08. The police say 18.2

per cent of burglaries reported to them led to someone being charged and a court appearance. The footage – available to view on our free, broadband TV channel, www.yourkenttv.co.uk – shows the crooks breaking into the house through a side window that had been left open.

The police launched a covert operation with CCTV cameras to monitor the house.

Detective Inspector Chris Benson said: "At this time of year people tend to leave windows open because of the hot weather."

"We are keen to continue this type of covert CCTV support to bring to justice offenders who repeatedly burgle homes. As the technology improves, no doubt we will be able to convict more people."

The police say the best way to avoid being burgled is to follow a few simple rules which will deter the opportunist thief.

They include keeping handbags, wallets and mobile phones out of



sight, securing doors and windows overnight and making sure that any keys or bolts are out of reach, especially in doors with cat-flaps.

And if you need to keep windows

open for ventilation, buy a device that locks the window in a narrow open position. These can be bought from DIY stores.

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Police release CCTV of the break-in and offer advice

RED tape from the European Union is threatening the efficient running of a popular coastal bus service, it has been claimed.

The Stagecoach service which links Dover and Hastings via Folkestone, Hythe, New Romney and Lydd has fallen foul of rules aimed at protecting long-distance coach and lorry drivers.

The 711 bus takes more than three hours to complete the journey of roughly 55 miles.

Stringent EU rules – far stricter than their UK counterparts – come into force on any one journey longer than 31 miles.

Their effect in this case is to force Stagecoach to split any journey into two parts, with passengers getting

Coastal bus journey falls foul of EU

off at either Lydd or Camber before boarding a new bus with a new driver. This has led to concerns that travellers could miss ongoing connections from Hastings railway station, or be

late for ferries from Dover.

Neil Instrall, operations director for Stagecoach East Kent and Hastings said: "We are disappointed that these rules are now in force."

"The Eurohour regulations are more restrictive than those in this country and while we accept they are in place to promote road safety, they are aimed at long-distance drivers."

"What we see in this case is our route has got caught up in them."

National Express bus drivers on UK routes are automatically covered by the rules – but critics fear their application could prove disastrous for some rural schedules.

Mr Instrall added: "The industry intends to lobby the Government about this."

Suspicious Transit hunted

POLICE would like to talk to two people after a spate of reports of suspicious behaviour involving a white Transit van.

Claims have been circulating that a man and a woman using such a vehicle have approached teenage girls.

The reports have come from the Hythe area, with further possible sightings in New Romney and Ashford.

Officers want to talk to the two people involved with the van in order to allay public fears and establish exactly what they are

doing. Det Sgt Ian Cutter said: "I would like to stress that as far as Kent Police are aware these people have not committed any offences."

"However their behaviour has generated interest from the public, who have reported seeing the vehicle acting suspiciously."

"We are keen to speak to the driver and passenger."

The driver is described as male, aged about 50 with grey hair and wearing glasses. The woman passenger is described as aged about 30 and has red hair.

Photographic screen planned for historic lift

A QUESTION has arisen over whether a touch screen information point proposed for the historic Lower Leas lift in Folkestone needs the blessing of a heritage group.

Plans submitted to Shepway District Council by arts company Strange Cargo would see a stainless steel touch screen built into the side of the Grade II listed building as part of the Other People's Photographs exhibition.

Robert Moulund, who has raised £13,000 of the £25,000 needed to restore the antique transport system to full working order, has written to English Heritage to see if it needs to be consulted.

Mr Moulund said he had been told by an assistant in the Shepway planning office that the council would not need to consult English Heritage.

Brigitte Orasinski, director of Strange Cargo, said: "This is a very important site. A lot of people go there and we want to put the screen where as many people as possible can see it."

"I would hope that because of the content of the photographs there would be support in the community for the screen. They depict the history of the town from the 1890s."

A spokesman for Shepway council said that a planning decision is expected at the beginning of June.

Tribute to road victim

THE family of Trevor Fennell, who died when his motorbike was involved in an accident with a car on the Alkham Valley Road between Dover and Folkestone, have paid tribute to a "kind and caring" man.

The 45-year-old lived in Ramsgate and had worked at east Kent branches of Lloyds TSB Bank for 26 years.

His wife and two daughters described him as very kind, thoughtful and caring.

In a statement his family said he

had been taken from them "tragically".

They said he would also be missed by customers and colleagues at the Ramsgate branch of the bank where he worked as a business manager.

The statement added: "Trevor was very kind, thoughtful and caring of others and will be remembered for his bubbly personality and sense of humour."

"He was taken suddenly from us but remembered in our hearts for ever."



TRAGIC LOSS: Trevor Fennell

Animal park boost from car dealership

THE Aspinall Foundation has been given three new 4x4s by car dealership Dutton Forshaw.

Dealers Lynne Kennard and Stephen Handyside handed over the keys of a Grand Cherokee, a Dodge Avenger and a Jeep Wrangler to Port Lympne Wild Animal Park managing director Bob O'Connor.

The 4X4s, which are worth over £50,000, will be used by park vet Jane Hopper to tend animals in need of care.

Outing to Kipling's home by Friends

THE Friends of the Folkestone Literary Festival are organising a trip to the home of Rudyard Kipling.

The visit to Bateman's in East Sussex will take place on Wednesday, May 21, and will also feature an excursion to see the theatre collection of Victorian actress Ellen Terry.

Kipling's home has been immaculately preserved. For more information about the visit telephone 01303 266118.

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Big Weekend is go

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HER MADGESTY: Madonna is headline act at Radio 1's Big Weekend

Star-studded line-up the hottest ticket in town

■ BY JON COATES

THE three-month build-up to the biggest music event to come to Kent in decades is nearing completion.

The four stages, which will host more than 50 top UK and international bands and DJs, are now in place for Radio 1's Big Weekend in Mote Park, Maidstone.

The festival – on Saturday and Sunday – will be headlined by Madonna, The Kooks, The Editors, Raconteurs, Fatboy Slim and Kent's own Pete Tong.

About 34,000 tickets have been allocated – with the vast majority going to music fans in Maidstone and the rest of the county.

Chance

Forty-five per cent, or 15,300, went to people living in the county town, with a further 40 per cent, or 13,600, going to fans across the rest of Kent.

Ten per cent, or 3,400, went to the surrounding areas of Sussex, Surrey, Essex and London, and five per cent, or 1,700, tickets were allocated across the rest of the UK.

A Radio 1 spokeswoman said: "You had the highest chance of getting a ticket if you lived in Maidstone – with a one in 16 chance for Saturday and a one in nine chance for Sunday.

"You also had more of a chance of being



HEADLINERS: The Kooks will join a host of top acts

allocated a ticket if you lived in Kent than the rest of the UK."

A ticket tout has already tried to sell a pair of Saturday tickets – when Madonna takes to the main stage – for £500 on an auction website.

But Radio 1 bosses have warned music fans not to take a costly gamble, as for past events tickets have been sold for hundreds of pounds only for the seller to declare their tickets lost and get replacements.

The buyer will not know if the tickets have been invalidated until they get to the entrance gates.

All of the tickets also have the holder's name and address, and a unique barcode, on them, and there will be ID checks before admission.

Security, policing and transport arrangements are in place to ensure the festival runs without a hitch.

Police warned this week that anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated – with offi-

cers given extra powers by the courts to disperse known troublemakers.

Anyone found hanging around Mote Park who does not have a ticket and is causing a disturbance will be moved on.

Posters have gone up in the area advising residents of the order, which will come into effect tomorrow and Thursday's and run until Sunday.

Event commander, Superintendent Ian Hall, said: "Should officers see anyone from Maidstone who is known for anti-social behaviour and who is not in possession of tickets for the event, then they will be warned that a dispersal order is in place and moved on."

Ticket holders have been urged to use public transport or walk to the festival – rather than use cars.

Extra park and ride services will run from London Road and Sittingbourne Road until midnight on both days, together with extra buses coming from Medway and along the London Road.

South Eastern is also providing extra trains to Maidstone East and West stations.

Maidstone council and Kent police hope to keep disruption to a minimum and there will be no parking in Mote Park or surrounding residential roads.

Anyone found parking illegally risks a fine or being towed away, but residents have been sent permits to allow them to get to and from their homes.

• Full band line-up for the Big Weekend can be seen on our sister website www.yourmaidstone.co.uk.

All that glitters is Goldfrapp

GLAM-pop duo Goldfrapp will bring their synthesized sounds to Mote Park on Sunday afternoon, writes Simon Robinson.

The established London electro/disco outfit, fronted by lead singer Alison Goldfrapp from whom the band take their name, will take a break from a string of sold out solo gigs to perform at the Big Weekend.

But despite notching up five top 20 singles in their nine year career – most notably the infectious club hit Ooh La La – composer Will Gregory said accepting Radio 1's invite to play during the open-air two-day was somewhat of an enjoyable risk.

Speaking from a New York hotel on the morning of the band's last

mini-US tour gig, he said: "Festivals are great but are sort of a double-edged sword.

"The audiences are serious music fans but they haven't come specifically to see you, so people will just fall away if they're not interested in what you're doing.

"On the other hand, it's great playing to people on the second day of festivals when they're right in the middle of letting go.

"You don't get that at one-off gigs.

"Festivals also take away the comfort zone of sound checks, so we're going to have to get on the stage and go with it.

"That gives the performance an exciting edge. There's a rawness to it. We've got to give it our best shot."

With their travel arrangement back to Brighton not yet finalised, Will said he didn't know if he would make it down to Maidstone in time for the Big Weekend's opening day, headlined by the Queen of Pop Madonna.

He said: "We're planning on staying in America for a couple of days but I'd like to come down for the Saturday.

"I'd quite like to see Guillemots and Editors. That's the nice thing about festivals, you get to see other bands play."

Chances are the stage wings will be packed with equally interested artists for Goldfrapp's set, having built up a legion of admirers both in and out of the British music

scene since their Felt Mountain 2000 debut.

Will said their success on the home-front was due to their traditional feel.

He said: "What we do is quite English or British, we're slightly eccentric and have a quirky sense of humour.

"It's that character that maybe people connect with."

Goldfrapp's latest album, Seventh Tree, moves on from the hard-hitting disco roots the band have made their own, to a warm acoustic sound.

Goldfrapp take to the main stage on Sunday afternoon, performing after the Pigeon Detectives and before US rap star Nelly.



Picture: Rex Features

SYNTH STARS: Goldfrapp will play on Sunday afternoon



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JOIN WITH US: The Feeling can't wait to play in front of the huge crowd at Radio 1's Big Weekend in Maidstone

Feeling good

THE Feeling will spend all of Saturday at the Big Weekend checking out the new talent being showcased across its four stages, *writes Jon Coates*.

The indie outfit, from Sussex and London, are the second act on the main stage, following openers The Hoosiers.

They plan to then wander around the site taking in bands they have not seen while on tour in Japan and working on their second album *Join With Us*, which went to number one in the album chart in February.

Drummer Paul Stewart said: "It was incredible. You spend so many months trying to get a record as good as you think it can be, but you never know if it will meet everyone else's expectations."

"So we were over the moon with the reception the second album got – it was amazing."

Sunny

The Feeling went on a mini-tour of the UK in March and will support Bon Jovi at four stadium gigs in June, before going out on their own main tour in the autumn.

When the call came in from Radio 1 to take part in the Big Weekend, they jumped at the chance of getting involved during a break in their gigging schedule.

Paul said: "The Big Weekend is a one-off for us. It's really nice to be asked and we said 'yes please' straight away."

"We are looking forward to it. Fingers crossed for the weather. It's great to have people going nuts in a field to good music, but if it's a beautiful sunny day, there is nothing better than hanging around

having a few beers and seeing some bands.

"We will be there all day taking it all in. A lot of the time due to our schedule we turn up an hour before we play and then an hour later leave, which is a shame."

"We always ask when possible if we can get there towards the start and go home at the end."

The drummer said he is looking forward to discover great new bands: "The main focus is understandably on the main stage, but there are a lot of up and coming breakthrough acts that we many never have heard of that are great to see."

"We have spent a lot of time in Japan recently and people starting talking to us about bands we have missed while we have been away."

"We will just wander around and see what is going on, as live music is in such a healthy state at the moment."

The Feeling also relish the challenge of converting new fans at festivals.

Paul said: "Festivals are the only opportunity you get to play to people who may be half interested in seeing you or people on their way to another stage."

"It takes you back to when you are playing in pubs and clubs trying to convert a new crowd."

And for the drummer it will be even more special as he has family in Maidstone.

The Feeling played a gig in Dover earlier this year and at the festival in Port Lympne last year, so are no strangers to Kent.

Paul said: "It's nice to see Radio 1, who can go anywhere, chose to have the Big Weekend in Maidstone. I think this is nice and fitting."

The only dilemma his band has is how many of their hits they will be able to cram into their half-hour slot.

Local heroes to join the big line-up

TWO Kent bands will rub plectrums with the Queen of Pop Madonna and indie giants The Kooks – after being added to the Big Weekend bill.

Guitar-driven quartet *It Hugs Back*, from Maidstone, and Tunbridge Wells folk stars *Tom Williams and The Boat* will both play at the Mote Park festival.

They were both given slots on the BBC Introducing stage after being handpicked to perform by DJ Huw Stephens.

The emerging talent stage gives unsigned, undiscovered and under the radar music, artists and DJs the chance to play to a 17,500-strong crowd.

Their performances will be filmed and recorded for broadcast on the Radio 1 shows of Huw Stephens, Zane Lowe and Rob Da Bank, other BBC Radio shows across the country and possibly network television.

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Annie Mac's in town

RADIO 1 DJ Annie Mac is looking forward to the best Big Weekend yet.

The rising star, 29, (pictured) will be one of the busiest people working at the two-day event in Maidstone.

She will broadcast her weekend show from backstage at Mote Park from 1pm to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Annie will be filming her music TV show *Sound on BBC2* on Saturday at... with Nick Grimshaw, with the show to be broadcast on BBC2 on Saturday at May 17.

The Dublin-born DJ then has the dubious task of headlining the Outdoor DJ Stage on the Saturday night – at the same time as Madonna takes to the main stage.

Annie will then hot-foot it across to the Aftershow Party at Maidstone Studios for an early slot, before grabbing a few hours sleep in preparation for the Sunday.

She said she cannot wait for the festival to get underway:



"The Big Weekend is one of those events where I always feel very proud of what it can do."

"The DJs get to hang out and be part of something big, you feel part of a big force."

"This will be my third Big Weekend and without doubt this will be the best one yet – the line-up is better than Reading, or Leeds, or Glastonbury, it is incredible."

"The main stage line-up was impressive, but when I saw the In New Music We Trust Stage line-up I was blown away – as it has all the upcoming bands that you want to see."

Annie added: "I am looking forward to seeing Vampire Weekend. I saw them at a small gig a long time ago, so to see them playing on a big stage will be cool."

"I love The Futureheads, they are a great band, and Pendulum – many people will not have seen them live and are in for a treat."

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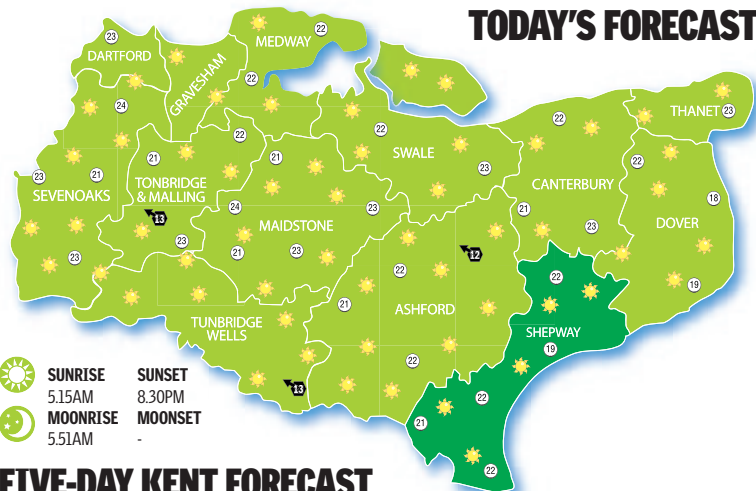
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Ramsgate	Saturday	2:22pm	5.0m
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Sheerness	Saturday	3:23pm	5.7m
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	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
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Canterbury	19°C	20°C	20°C	21°C	18°C	Maidstone	21°C	23°C	23°C	23°C	20°C
Chatham	16°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C	Ramsgate	19°C	20°C	20°C	21°C	18°C
Dartford	20°C	23°C	23°C	23°C	20°C	Rochester	16°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C
Dover	16°C	18°C	18°C	17°C	15°C	Sevenoaks	19°C	21°C	21°C	21°C	19°C
Faversham	16°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C	Sittingbourne	16°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C
Folkestone	16°C	18°C	18°C	17°C	15°C	Tonbridge	20°C	22°C	22°C	22°C	21°C
Gillingham	16°C	18°C	18°C	19°C	17°C	Tun Wells	20°C	22°C	22°C	22°C	21°C

yourshepway NEWS IN BRIEF

Village to benefit from generosity of millionaire resident

FORMER Saga boss Roger de Haan has promised a £250,000 grant to help develop sports and leisure facilities in Sellindge.

The cash would improve the village social club, provide equipment for the youth centre and install drainage facilities for the football and cricket pitches.

Millionaire de Haan has his famous eco-house between Sellindge and Stone Street.

A public meeting is to be held on Monday (May 12) in the club so residents of the village can say exactly what it is they wish to see happen.

Locals are also set to raise around £70,000 themselves to improve changing facilities at the sports club to complement the donation from the ex-Saga chief.

Chairman of the social club Christina Sandy said: "This is a very generous offer from Mr de Haan and we are very grateful indeed."

"Now we would like to see villagers demonstrate their commitment to the club by coming along to the meeting and saying exactly what it is they would like to see provided for the village. It is also important that we show that people would use the facilities when they are upgraded."

"Mr de Haan has already shown his own commitment to the scheme by sending people to look at the ground and see what it needs."

"They have carried out a survey and people who attend the meeting will find out what they have discovered."

"The meeting is in the village social club itself and all residents of the village are welcome."

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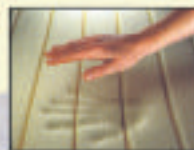


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QUESTION & ANSWER

PIPPA DUCAT



Q Tell us a bit about yourself.

A I run a company called Best Behaviour School for Dogs, based in Hythe. The company comprises of two main services; visiting owners in their homes to diagnose and treat dog behavioural problems and running a dog exercise and socialisation school. After my first degree, equine business management, I travelled to Africa and India to experience the world and see animals in their natural habitat. When I returned I worked at Howletts Wild animal Park as a primate keeper in conjunction with training as a dog behaviourist. I then went to Exeter and completed a Masters degree in animal behaviour and psychology. Since then I returned to Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks where I was appointed head of education. This year I left the parks to pursue Best Behaviour School for Dogs full time.

Q How did you come to set up the Best Behaviour School for Dogs?

A I was Howletts working as a primate keeper and had been accepted on to the master's degree but had to wait a year for it to begin. As I enjoyed studying I started a course on dog behaviour and when I finished I was able to get a work experience with a dog behaviourist. We became friends, she had a huge amount of practical experience and with my theoretical business knowledge we decided to join forces as Best Behaviour. We were

together for four years, working as dog behaviourists around our main work and studies. My partner left last year to start a family and I took over on my own. Best Behaviour became Best Behaviour School for Dogs as I started up an exercise school, where dogs are collected from their homes and run together with other dogs in a secure field.

Q Have you found there is a market for dog training in Shepway?

A There is definitely a requirement for dog training. I can help with a wide spectrum of problems from puppy training issues through to aggression.

Q Is a human's idea of happiness compatible with what makes a dog happy?

A This is one of the main areas that causes confusion between dog owners and their animals. Humans anthropomorphise the feelings of their animals. This means they assign human emotions to their pets. Dogs need to be rewarded or scolded within two seconds of the action for them to associate the punishment or reward with the behaviour. If you come through the front door to find your dog has gone to the toilet on the carpet, no amount of telling him off or showing him what he has done will make him realise that he should not have gone to the toilet. Dogs are happy given the right balance of food, exercise and training. To make a dog happy engage him in training and exercise rather.

Q What are some common mistakes made when training dogs?

A The most common mistake is not being consistent! When a person becomes a dog owner they set out with the best of intentions and start on the right path. People either stop training their dog after they reach adulthood or just don't have the time due to hectic lifestyles. Have you seen how much a dog will wag his tail if you ask him to sit and stay or play ball with him?

Q What do you think about people who use dogs as a status symbol or as a weapon?

A I think it's abominable and utterly unfair on the dog. These types of owners are not acting in the best interests of the dog or the general public. Dogs treated in this way are accidents waiting to happen.

Q What advice would you give someone thinking about getting a puppy?

A Research the breed of dog that would fit your lifestyle. Buying a puppy will be a commitment for the whole family for approximately 12 years so the correct choice of breed is vital. Dogs have been bred to encourage certain characteristics, such as retrieving, guarding, herding, and tracking, you need to consider the natural behavioural traits of the breed to your requirements. If you live in a built-up area, for example, avoid breeds that are known for barking or have a tendency to escape and run off.

Q & A

Pippa Ducat is the director of the Best Behaviour School For Dogs. She talks to **Rob Livingstone** about how to choose the right dog for your family, and how she came to start up her thriving businesses



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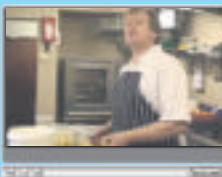
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Mia's the strongest link

BY NICK AMES

CLAIRVOYANT and ghost-hunter Mia Dolan used her brain power to raise money for children's hospice Demelza House by winning a TV quiz show.

She walked away with £13,500 to donate to her favourite charity after winning a "psychics' challenge" version of the BBC's hit show The Weakest Link, presented by Anne Robinson.

Psychic Mia appears in the ITV show Haunted Homes, in which she investigates spooky goings-on with colleagues David Vee and Professor Chris French.

The trio spend two nights in a "haunted" building attempting to find evidence of ghostly activity.

Mia has been a constant supporter of Sittingbourne's Demelza House - which cares for seriously ill children - and met residents and staff during her visit to present the Weakest Link prize money.

"From personal experience, there's no greater pain than losing a child," she said. "So it's a great honour for me to help Demelza in any way I can."

Sue Booth, the charity's campaigns manager, said: "We were delighted when we heard that Mia was donating her winnings to us and even more so when she came to visit."

"This is a fantastic amount and donations like Mia's will enable us to continue caring for the children and families who need our services."

Dedicated

Demelza provides respite, symptom control, end-of-life care and bereavement support for more than 450 children and their families across the South East.

It has a play area, therapy units and even a whirlpool bath. Dedicated staff ensure that each child makes the most of every moment spent in the hospice.

Another feature is a bereavement suite - known as the Hop Garden - which allows a family to let go and say goodbye to a child at their own pace.

The charity, which marks its 10th anniversary this year, also has a 'hospice at home' service, with paediatric nurses offering visits to homes, and emergency cover and assistance from groups such as bereavement charity Cruse.



CHEQUE OUT: TV psychic Mia Dolan, left, presents her prize money to Lisa Busby of Demelza House

How Kray twins got on their bikes around Kent

NOTORIOUS gangsters Ronnie and Reggie Kray loved "cycling down country lanes" in Kent touring antique shops for bargains.

The bizarre revelation about the killers, who were, jailed for life in 1969 for the murders of Jack 'The Hat' McVitie and George Cornell, are in The Kray Tapes, which went on sale this week.

The interviews with Ronnie, Reggie and Charlie Kray, reveal they got out of London as often as possible. In the 1989 interview - never heard before - with Kent author Robin McGibbon - Ronnie says: "We used to go every weekend and used to go cycling along country lanes and go to antique shops."

And Ronnie, who died at 61 of a heart attack in March 1995, said he and Reg - who died in October 2000 from bladder cancer at the age of 66 - said they never committed any crimes when they toured Kent, Suffolk, Sussex and Hertfordshire on their bikes.

He said: "We loved the peacefulness, nice scenery and the quiet. We used to go for long walks along country lanes - it was smashing."

Mr McGibbon, started corresponding with the twins while they were in prison and taped interviews during visits.

• The CDs are produced by Right Recordings and released on Monday for £14.99, with an initial run of 5,000 units.

Get your trainers on, girls, Race for Life needs you

MORE women are needed to take part in 5km fun-runs aimed at raising money for the fight against cancer.

Cancer Research UK is looking for ladies to join in Race for Life events across the county during the next two months.

Interest has been high for the flagship fund-raising drive in some areas but disappointing in others.

The fun-runs are open to all women, regardless of athletic ability.

In 2007 about 665,000 women walked,

jogged or ran in the event nationwide, raising £40million for the charity.

Organisers are looking for more women to take part this year and raise even more funds.

They are mainly searching for people to take part in the Thanet and Ashford runs, on June 22 and June 29 respectively - which are both at less than half capacity.

Only 879 women have registered for the Thanet run, which is 40 per cent of the 2,200 target.

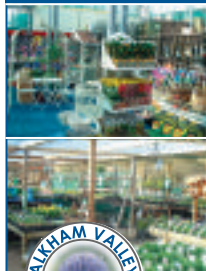
In Ashford 793 ladies have pledged to take part, which is 44.1 per cent of the 1,800 target.

Women can also take part in Maidstone on May 18, Paddock Wood on May 21, Gillingham on June 1, Maidstone on June 8 and Folkestone on June 15. These are all at between 70 to 80 per cent capacity.

The final race in Herne Bay, which is set for July 6, has reached its capacity, but anyone interested can still contact the event organisers at www.raceforlife.org.

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Here's looking at you, kid

BY NICK AMES

THE Prince's Trust is looking for volunteers to help unemployed young people get back into the workplace in a new initiative for the county.

The mentoring scheme has been successful in other parts of the UK and this summer it will be launched in Kent.

It is aimed at assisting young people who want to move on with their lives and build on the confidence and skills they have acquired while completing a course run by the trust.

The role requires a commitment of two hours fortnightly over six months and includes offering support and encouragement in exploring training and education opportunities.

Gill Rogers is responsible for the implementation of the scheme. She said: "It has been successful elsewhere so it is natural that we want to expand it and help people in Kent."

"The volunteers we are looking for do not need an armful of qualifications. But what they do require is a commitment to working with and assisting young people who are unemployed to achieve their goals."

"The scheme is an expansion of one we have already used called business mentoring. This is more a personal mentoring approach, although the actual title is progression mentoring."

The people who take on the challenge will be asked to form a bond and a meaningful relationship with young people who are often educational under-achievers, care-leavers or ex-offenders.

And those who have already taken part say the scheme is extremely rewarding. Steve Arnold has been a progression mentor for three years.

"It is really inspiring to be able to see them move on and to succeed in their lives and to feel that you have had a hand in that."

Michael Pike, 24, was mentored by Mr Arnold for six months after he completed a personal development course run by the trust.

He said: "When I finished the course I was worried I would lose motivation and just go back to doing nothing. Steve really helped keep me focused. He always had good ideas and seemed to really believe in me."

The Prince's Trust helped more than 3,000 disadvantaged young people in the South East last year and works with 14 to 30-year-olds who have struggled to find a place in society for a number of reasons.



GENERATION GAME: Mentoring is extremely rewarding for volunteers and young people alike

How to stop new superbug strain



CASES of a new strain of the superbug MRSA – affecting young adults and children rather than the elderly in hospital – have increased.

But experts say the number of cases is still very small and there is no cause for panic – but we should all take extra care when it comes to hygiene.

A University of Kent student died after contracting a Pantom-Valentine Leukocidin (PVL) infection last year.

PVL is a toxic substance produced by some strains of MRSA, the methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus bacterium that usually infects severely ill patients in hospitals.

Young adults and children generally contract PVL in the community.

Dr Mathi Chandrakumar, director of the Kent Health Protection Unit, said: "It can affect anyone but particularly children and young adults because they have close contact with each other."

Rare

The latest HPA figures show there were 224 cases of PVL in 2005, rising to 496 in 2006.

In Kent, PVL infections are rare. Medway NHS Foundation Trust said there had been one case last year and that the patient had fully recovered.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust reported the same and East Kent NHS Hospitals Trust said it had never dealt with a case of the infection.

Dr Chandrakumar said parents should not worry because the infection remains rare.

KOS Media has been running a campaign aimed at raising awareness about the importance of hand hygiene in combating infections such as MRSA and Clostridium difficile.

Although the risk of catching PVL-MRSA is small the HPA recommends people take simple precautions to protect themselves including hand washing and regular showering/bathing.

For more information, go to www.hpa.org.uk.

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The survey is being run with KOS Media's www.kentnews.co.uk and all those taking part stand a chance of winning a free holiday in Majorca. Kent Escapes is offering flights, transfers and half-board accommodation for two adults.

Matt Clarke, chief executive of Kent International Airport, said he is confident the results of the survey will back up their own research showing increased demand for flights from the Manston site.

He said: "This is an opportunity for the

Kent public to let us know how they would like to use the airport in the future and in particular the places they would want to fly to, the frequency of their air travel and how much they currently spend on travel."

The survey coincides with reports that BAA's ownership of seven UK airports, "may not be serving well the interests of either airlines or passengers", according to the findings of the Competition Commission.

The final report, due to be published in August, could force Spanish-owned BAA to sell one or more of its airports.

BAA took ownership of Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted more than two decades ago to make sure there would be enough airport capacity in the South East.

According to the commission, there is still a

shortage of capacity. Mr Clarke agreed, and argued that Manston was ready-made to offer the extra space needed.

He added: "The lack of runway capacity in the South East is often raised as a potential restriction to the economic growth of the region."

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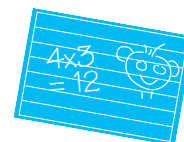
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Special assembly
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YOUNGSTERS at Churchills School in Hawkinge will be saying goodbye to their caretaker of seven years.

Brian Legatt, who has been the caretaker of the primary school since it opened in 2001, will be honoured at the school at an assembly in July before the school breaks up.

The school is also asking former pupils to get in touch to share their memories of Brian.

For more information, phone the school on 01303 893892.

Oriental experience

STUDENTS from South Kent College had an exclusive tour of the legendary Orient Express during its recent visit to Folkestone.

Students on the HND in furniture, fine craft and restoration course were allowed on to the train to inspect its woodwork earlier this month.

And the students were given the opportunity to restore antique marquetry panelling from one of the carriages from the luxury train.

As part of a sponsorship deal the Orient Express company donated £500 to pay for specialist machines needed to restore the panels.

One of the students on the restoration project, Ruby Tinston, said: "Because of the nature of our course, it is really brilliant to see living examples of that kind of craftsmanship."

For more information about South Kent College, phone 0845 207 8220.

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Up and away - mobile
classroom gets lift-off

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

CHILDREN at Christ Church CEP School in Folkestone watched in amazement as one of their old mobile classrooms was hoisted out of the school grounds.

The work was the latest step towards the construction of a new environmentally-friendly school building suitable for the 21 century.

Pupil Kane Hills was awestruck when the 70 foot crane lifted away the mobile building.

He said: "It was very exciting; I had never seen it before."

"I think the new building is a really good idea because not just the school but the whole community can use it."

The head teacher of Christ Church, Jim Kreiselmeier, said: "This is an exciting time for all of us at Christ Church as our aspirations for the future are becoming a reality."

"My thanks to the pupils, parents, staff and members of our community for their views and support to help us shape our vision for the new building."

The design of the building has yet to be chosen, but pupils have been submitting their ideas on what should replace the two mobiles.

They have also been involved in designing a play area, which will be built by Ruckinge firm Park Leisure.

It is intended that the new building will also be used by the community as a place for adult education, social events and fitness sessions, and as a drop-in advice centre.

The Citizens Advice Bureau, Primary Care Trust and Adult Education have all expressed an interest in using the new facilities.

The project has also received backing from the Guildhall Residents' Association, with



HOISTED: Old classrooms are being taken away in preparation for a new school building at Christ Church primary

chairman Graham Barlow, saying the building was being created in the heart of the community and he hoped that it would eventually become the heart of the community.

Work on the building is expected to be finished in March, but the school still needs to

find funding to complete the project.

As well as a series of fundraising events, the school is seeking help to get the whole building up and running.

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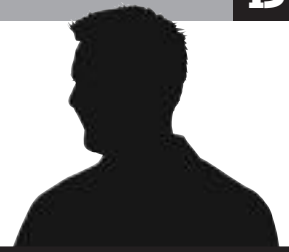


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your shepway blogger

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Pampered prince should be grounded after stag antics

IS THERE anyone alive more spoiled than Prince William?

What was his latest exploit – something about going to a party in a helicopter?

Or was it dropping in on his girlfriend by parachute?

No, maybe it was the stag affair on the Isle of Wight – didn't he arrive there by jet pack?

This week he's meant to have flown to Afghanistan – all carefully prepared for an adoring public, of course.

The only thing more annoying than the pampered prince himself is the media's adulation of him – oh – and his brother Harry.

Take the Afghanistan story – would the MoD have ever let him anywhere near the front line? Of course not!

The whole thing was a calculated PR stunt to rescue the image of a group of people – the royals – who are one of the most unpopular groups of people in the country.

As if they are going to give a junior officer the command of a US Air Force air strike.

Anyone involved in the military in any shape or form knows that the US does not accept orders from an officer in any other nation's army. Even when serving under a UN banner the Americans operate their own command structure.

So the whole affair was a figment of some PR person's imagination.

Then there were the shots of him kicking a rugby ball without a care in the world as if the whole Afghan theatre of war was some sort of lads' Club 18-30 holiday camp and the Taliban no more than the beastly bullies who used to ruin Billy Bunter's day at Greyfriars School.

Now we hear about the amazing number of stunts William was able to pull to show off at the taxpayers' expense.

A Chinook costs £15,000 an hour to keep in the air and the military is chronically short of them. In a war zone they are literally life-savers – ferrying men and supplies to and from battlegrounds and getting the wounded to hospital as fast as is humanly possible.

Yet here is one dropping in on the country

estate of some upper-class girl he wants to impress or taking him to the famous (or infamous) stag do.

That flight even had a detour so that he could pick up his equally ridiculous brother.

To those of us without a private taxi service in the form of the RAF the whole thing reeks of the privilege which so annoys people.

The carefully manufactured stories about how much Harry cares for those who have been injured in combat or the charity work we shall no doubt see William doing in the next few years won't fool anyone.

What we have are two excellent examples of members of the idle rich – whose so-called careers are careful window dressing for what they really want to do and what they excel at – namely swigging overpriced drinks in a London nightclub which has just stopped being trendy.

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TALK TIME

MALISSA WHITEHOUSE

Songwriter Malissa is a director at Diverse Music, an independent production company aiming to guide local acts to the top of the pop charts



Can you tell me a bit about yourself?

Singing and acting since the age of 10, I first performed at the Bob Hope Theatre in London. After six years of studying drama with an emphasis on music I decided to write my own material. Wider recognition came at 16 when my song Summertime Love made it to the finals for summer song of the year. This gave me a platform to perform at Party In The Park with Top 40 artists and a stage for launching my songwriting career. The music business has taken me on an amazing journey while I developed my skills working within top companies such as MTV and Capital Radio. In 2002 I worked with the UK's most influential music business executive, Richard Park, to launch his media business TRPC. In 2004 I decided to launch my own production company with my business partner, Tony Matthew, and Pop Sessions and Diverse Music were born.

What is the main aim of Diverse Music?

Diverse is an independent music production company offering artists and songwriters the support and guidance to professionally record a demo, single or album with producers who have had chart success. We are able to offer advice and make presentations to record labels, publishers and management companies for new bands and artists looking for a recording/publishing deal.

Have you been working with any artists from the local area?

We certainly have, they are called Faith In Rhymes. The teen rap duo have a huge following already. The guys have been in the studio laying down tracks for their True Ties EP. The duo describe their music as hip hop pop with their material influenced by the likes of Eminem and 2 Pac. They have had the most hits to date on our website (www.diversesmusic.co.uk and www.popsessions.co.uk) and we feel sure this will lead to better things.

YOUR LETTERS

Downs helped save rare blue beauty

Regarding the new issue of Royal Mail stamps which, among eight other endangered insects, features the adonis blue butterfly.

This is a rare species which the Folkestone Downs area has helped to preserve.

Indeed, I well recall following it in my teenage butterfly study days.

Today, though, it is better just to observe rather than collect, leaving it to specialists.

The adonis blue could be regarded as an asset in terms of local wildlife and so – while Kent Wildlife Trust already has it as a logo – perhaps Shepway District Council could also adopt it as the main symbol to help tackle climate change locally.

On the sides of recycling lorries and bins to start with, perhaps?

Ray Duff
Folkestone

Marsh bookshops are a real delight

The high streets of small places on Romney Marsh such as Lydd, Dymchurch and New Romney may not be among the most thriving in the south east, but they have second-hand and charity shops which are the equal of anywhere.

A couple of Marsh bookshops run by charities have selections which are superior to chains which merely stock the latest blockbusters and celebrity memoirs, or behind-the-scenes accounts about what it is like to be on Big Brother.



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Greatstone

Getting around by bus is so tortuous

The fact that Romney Marsh needs far better services is obvious to anyone who has ever lived there.

Without a car it is almost impossible to get around as not only are the bus infrequent, they do not actually touch many villages.

Other than that, I wend a tortuous way through housing estates which makes journey times which could be covered in 20 minutes in a car last anywhere up to an hour.

Mary Headley
Lydd

Hardly glamorous enough for Venice

The idea that Folkestone West railway station should be home to the Orient Express is nothing less than farcical.

The station is one of the most run-down, messy and gloomy I have ever been to.

Traffic access is ridiculous, with one road under a narrow bridge leading to traffic lights which let about three cars out onto the A20 at any one time.

If someone books a train from London to Venice at the no doubt high prices charged, they will not be impressed when they face delays of half an hour getting out of the station approaches.

Diane McIntosh
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Foreign truckers are a real menace

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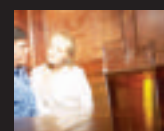
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Richard Phillips
Dover

Kent can't perform when it matters

Why is it that Kent are so much better when it comes to taking on touring cricket teams rather than their direct county rivals in matches where it actually means something if they win or lose?

It's all very well for batsmen to make cheap runs in friendlies – what about doing it when it matters?

Or is it just that they can only cope with the second string bowlers put out by sides keeping their star performers back for international matches?

Neil Hawkes
Hythe

Not in Pole position for the Swede life

It seems that things have got so bad in Britain that even the Poles are leaving for better jobs and a good quality of life in such places as Sweden. My sympathy goes out to

any of them who arrived in Dover and stayed here.

A run-down town, no facilities to speak of, unwelcoming pubs and continual roadworks.

No wonder life is better elsewhere.

Terence Blacklock
Dover

Port's traffic system is such a nightmare

Dover has to have the most annoying traffic system in the whole of south east England. It does not have a single thing to recommend it.

Traffic for the ports is funnelled into small lanes which take an age for any vehicle to get within 100 yards of the ferry embarkation points, while those wishing to visit the town centre face the prospect of jams on any approach road.

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Trevor Miles
Deal

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Help us raise cancer cash on Fruity Friday

It is not too late for readers to get involved in this year's Fruity Friday, on May 16.

Fruity Friday is the World Cancer Research Fund's annual event that helps us raise awareness about the health benefits of eating fruit and vegetables.

As well as being a fun way to get across an important message, it also helps to raise vital funds that help us continue with our research and education programmes.

It is a great chance for local people to support a worthy cause.

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Featuring more than 20 performers and a live band, the two-hour show is packed with hits from the King of Pop's extraordinary back catalogue – both as a solo artist and with the Jackson Five. With choreography by MTV Award-winning LaVelle Smith Jr, it promises to be a spectacular experience.

Last autumn saw the release of the 25th anniversary version of Jackson's record-breaking album Thriller. The new updated version includes contributions by contemporary artists such as Fergie, Kanye West and Akon, and modern musicians continue to reflect the influence of this iconic superstar.

Jackson, who will celebrate his 50th birthday this year, was the seventh of nine children and he began his showbiz career by joining the Jackson Five at the age of 11.

He was soon sharing lead vocals with brother Jermaine and the group set a record when their first four singles all reached number one in the US Billboard Hot 100. Though they became extremely successful, the Jacksons' childhoods are believed to have been dominated by the strict attentions of their father Joseph.

Jackson went on to begin a staggeringly successful solo career, his 1979



release Off The Wall becoming the first ever album to feature four Top 10 hits and going platinum seven times over.

Then in 1982 he released what would become the world's biggest selling album of all time. Sales figures vary depending on the source, but to date Thriller is believed to have sold about 65 million copies. It also prompted what many consider to be the real birth of the music video, with the 13-minute accompanying film still popular today.

Jackson continued to release highly successful albums and singles, but as the years went on his increasingly bizarre personal life began to overshadow his remarkable talent.

During the 1980s his skin began to visibly lighten, causing speculation that he was bleaching his skin, but he was later diagnosed with vitiligo and lupus. Plastic surgery and weight loss have also helped make him virtually unrecognisable as the young man from the Jackson Five.

He was briefly married to Elvis Presley's daughter Lisa Marie in the mid-90s. Then in 1996 he married nurse Deborah Jeanne Rowe, with whom he had two children, but they divorced three years later.

His friendships with young boys, mostly conducted at his Neverland ranch, have also caused controversy. A number of accusations of child molestation have been made against Jackson, most recently leading to his trial and subsequent acquittal in 2005.

But however bizarre Jackson's private life may become, his outstanding legacy as an unforgettable musical force will always be celebrated.

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It is claimed that The

Yardbirds (pictured) laid much of the groundwork for rock guitar as we know it. The line-up has variously included Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck, Jimmy Page and Gypie Mayo, while their music bridged the gap between early 60s white R&B and the psychedelic power chords of the 70s.

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American singer/songwriter Craig and British guitarist Willoughby are promoting their exciting new album that is described as crossing musical boundaries between folk, country, Americana and acoustic styles.

Craig has sung with The Righteous Brothers, Shel Silverstein, Jorma Kaukonen and Bobby Bare. As well as being the lead guitarist with The Strawbs for 25 years, Willoughby has played for Mary Hopkin,



Roger Whittaker, Joe Brown, Jim Diamond and Monty Python.

They have both worked with international folk star Nanci Griffith.

Together they create an intimate atmosphere in which to perform their expertly crafted songs about life experience and tell

amusing anecdotes. Critics have described the pair's act as "sublime guitar work together with one of the finest voices around".

The concert starts in The Balcony at 8pm and tickets cost £4 in advance or £6 on the door. To book call the box office on 01304 381134 or see www.astortheatre.co.uk.

SHEPWAY LEISURE

Enjoy the luck of the Irish at Tower Theatre

TOES will be tapping when the Tower Theatre, Folkestone, hosts an Irish night this weekend.

The Buckthorn Band will provide the music for the event on Saturday, which starts at 8pm. They will be playing a mix of Irish and contemporary folk music.

Tickets cost £5. For more information see www.towertheatrefolkestone.co.uk or call 01303 223925.

Take a train trip back in time to the war years

STEP back in time for a special event at Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Railway this weekend.

On Saturday and Sunday the Home Guard and 1940s Weekend will give visitors the chance to experience life on the railway during wartime. Re-enactors will be travelling in the trains, while there will be a replica armoured train and an exhibition at New Romney.

There will be vintage vehicles at various stations and a special meal served in the cafes. To find out more call 01797 362353 or see www.rhdt.org.uk.

Live blues concert is sure to entertain you

ENJOY some of the best in live blues at a concert in Folkestone on Friday.

Sick Note Blues Band will be performing at The Frenchman in Christchurch Road. The experienced four-piece band plays a wide range of great blues hits by a variety of artists, from Jimmy Reed to Jimi Hendrix.

For more details about the gig call the pub on 01303 259815. More information about the band is at www.sicknotebluesband.co.uk.

Football star to visit charity tournament

WORLD Cup hero Sir Geoff Hurst will open Port Lympne Wild Animal Park's special football event on Saturday.

The Congo Cup Football Tournament, featuring Kent youth teams, is being held on Saturday and Sunday in aid of Port Lympne's gorilla sanctuary in The Congo.

The event will run from 9am to 4pm. Sir Geoff Hurst MBE will appear between 12.30pm and 2.30pm.

For details see www.totallywild.net.

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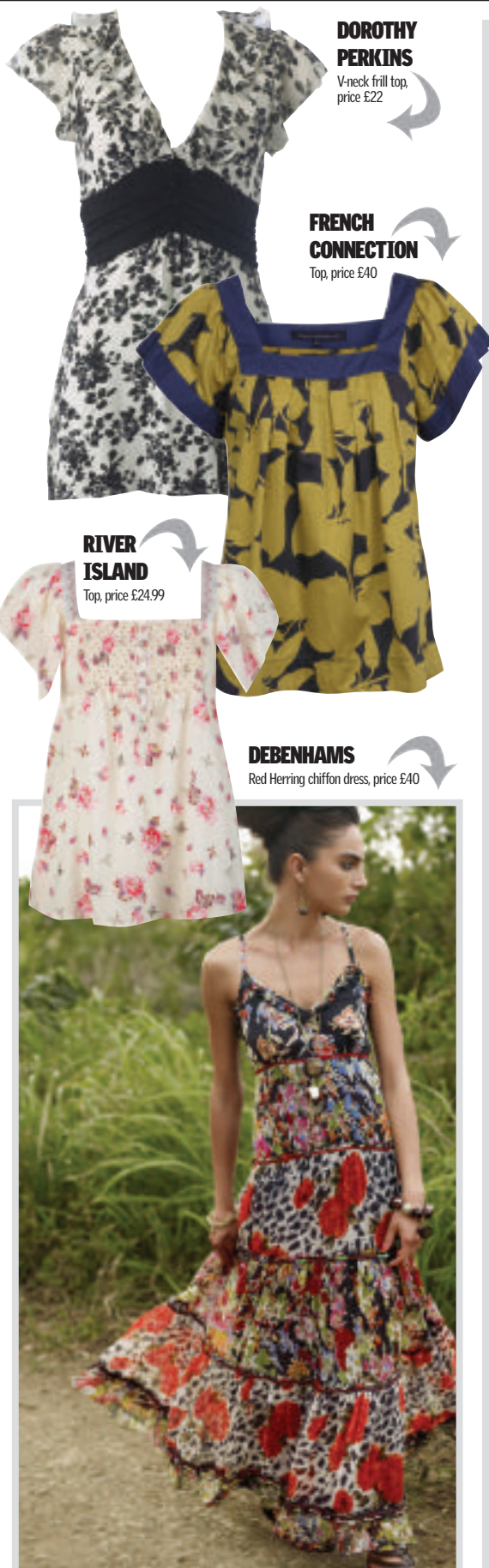


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Accessorise with the help of a bat or two

ANYONE who is batty about Batman will love the new range of jewellery from Nomination.

The Italian company has come up with a stylish range of accessories, under licence through Warner Brothers, to celebrate the release of The Dark Knight in July. The collection includes necklaces, earrings, bracelets, belt chains and key rings featuring the distinctive Batman logo. Prices range from £70 to £130.

For details call 020 7225 3915 or see www.nomination.com.

Dial in for a mobile phone at Asda price

ASDA's latest offer should get a good reception from shoppers – pay as you go mobile phones costing just £5.

The supermarket giant claims there are no strings attached to the bargain Nokia and Sagem handsets, no hidden extras and a choice of four models. The phones will be available in all Asda stores while stocks last, but they are expected to sell out quickly.

Asda has previously offered deals such as DVD players for £9 and suits for £15.

Interesting breads to tempt your tastebuds

THE daily bread just got more interesting since the introduction of Waitrose's new artisan loaves.

With added flavours like cranberry, apricot, cider and pumpkin seeds, there is a range of delicious breads for just about every occasion. Enjoy a tasty snack with the three breads for cheese pack, £2.99, the kibbled onion and black pepper cob, £1.65, or the cranberry and three seed loaf, £2.49.

Find out more at www.waitrose.co.uk.

Dive in to fruity new swimwear collection

LOOK like a star on the beach this summer with Elizabeth Hurley's new swimwear range for Mango.

The model and actress has designed the limited edition collection, which will go on sale at selected stores on Thursday, May 15. She has come up with 12 designs in a range of feminine colours, including 60s-inspired prints and some pretty accessories.

Start planning your summer shopping spree at www.mango.com.

Benefit from a new range of make-up

SHOPPERS will see the Benefit now a new concession of the popular make-up brand has opened at Fenwick in Canterbury.

The latest range is all ready for the wedding season, with tempting products such as the creaseless cream shadows and eye liners in pretty pastel colours. The limited edition products are £13.

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Hate to say I told you so but line-up's great

BY SIMON ROBINSON

SWEDISH rockers The Hives are among the latest bands to be confirmed as playing at Zoo8 festival.

The Scandinavian showmen – famed for hits such as *Hate To Say I Told You So*, *Die Alright* and *Tick Tick Boom* – will headline the main stage on Sunday, July 6, bringing the inaugural three-day to a close.

Other bands signed up are hardcore punk outfit Gallows, Minus the Bear and Flogging Molly. Zoo Thousand director Matt Dice said: "It's taken months of negotiations and sleepless nights to get to this stage – but it's all worth it when things come together and you see what a great line-up we've got."

Big names

Among the other big name acts to play at the three day Port Lympne festival are covers star Mark Ronson, grime rapper Dizze Rascal and rock 'n' rollers The Cribs, British Sea Power and The Young Knives.

Gallows will play a Zoo8 warm-up show at the Tap 'n' Tin in Chatham on Saturday, May 10. The cult venue will have its own stage across the festival.

Tap 'n' Tin events manager Chris Pritchard said he was looking forward to the festival, saying: "Gallows are just the tip of the iceberg."

"We've got top acts across the bill over the weekend, meaning our headliners will be supported by some of the best names around."

Zoo8 takes place at the Hythe zoo from Friday to Sunday, July 4-6, and boasts a capacity crowd of 20,000.

Weekend tickets cost £99 and include camping. Day tickets cost £45.

For details see www.zoothousand.com.



HEADLINERS: The Hives will close the festival, Gallows will play a warm up gig at the Tap 'n' Tin

• **THE BILL:** Friday: Mark Ronson and the Version Players, Dizze Rascal, Little Man Tate, Dan Le Sac vs Scroobius Pip, Gallows, Lethal Bizzle, Lupen Crook. Saturday: The Cribs, Ash, British Sea Power, Roni Size / Reprazent, Underground Heroes, Kid Harpoon, Chas 'n' Dave. Sunday: The Hives, Athlete, The Holloways, Pete and the Pirates, Funeral For a Friend, Flogging Molly, Does It Offend You, Yeah?



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Safari, so good for animal park

BY CHRIS BRITCHER

IT'S 5.30am and the Zimbabwean twang of the warden's voice calls through our tent to inform us tea and coffee is being served in the lodge ahead of the morning safari.

As I drag myself out of one of the two comfortable twin beds deep within the luxury canvas home on stilts in which I'm staying, I peer out over the countryside below.

A couple of giraffes lazily nibble at leaves on a tree, while wildebeest frolic as dawn break.

As I look out across the landscape I can see for miles. In fact, I can see France. And Dungeness power station – and no, my eyes were not playing tricks on me.

Billed as the only experience of its kind in the northern hemisphere, those with a penchant for animals and a little luxury can now experience the thrills of getting up close and personal with creatures more at home on the Serengeti than the wilds of East Kent.

Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, halfway between Hythe and Ashford, started its Livingstone



UNUSUAL ATTRACTION: It could be the Serengeti but it's really a Port Lympne safari

Lodge short-breaks last summer.

The package is short and sweet – it's a one-night stay – but its ability to transport you to a world a million miles away is remarkable.

Checking in at 4pm, with a bucks fizz reception on a small decked area in the centre of the park, you and your luggage are then loaded on to a safari truck and with a group of experienced rangers – all of whom come complete with

authentic Southern Africa accents and experience of life on the plains – you are transported around the 100 acres of land, past the rhino and elephant enclosures, for the trip to your hidden retreat.

About an hour and a half later you make your way to the hilltop, where the views down across Romney Marsh and the English Channel are quite tremendous. But not as tremendous as seeing a gag-

gle of giraffes blocking the road a few yards from the tents and lodge; your accommodation for the night.

In truth, the word 'tent' doesn't actually do it justice. There's enough space to not only swing a cat but probably a pride of lions too.

Nor will you actually stay there for long. Because then it is straight down to the Lapa – the lodge where comfy sofas nestle on one side, and a dining area on the other.

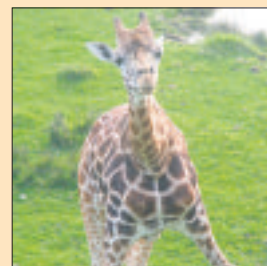
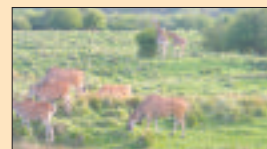
After welcoming drinks the evening meal is served around 7.30pm. And the food was quite exceptional. Take your pick from plump prawns to slices of succulent beef – it was perfect.

Bright and early the following morning you're woken and after coffee and croissants, you're back on the truck and heading off for a dawn safari.

Once back there's time for breakfast and then you are free to spend the rest of the day at the park.

OK, so health and safety regulations mean you're not going to pull up and see a lion hunting down some hapless antelope, nor is the adrenalin going to pump at the threat of elephants bearing down on you.

But, as an experience – and perhaps more importantly – something genuinely different, this may well prove hard to beat.



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YOUR TV REVIEW

BY TOM BETTS

I'D DO ANYTHING
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ITV1, 8pm, Saturday

THE battle for your Saturday night attention is in full swing.

Britain's Got Talent and I'd Do Anything are the prime time beasts vying for your affection and the war is getting ugly, just ask Andrew Lloyd Webber.

On John Barrowman TV, or BBC One to give it its former title, Graham Norton is looking for a Nancy (and not for the first time, one suspects) and a boy to play Oliver Twist.

This show has attracted criticism of late, as accusers point to the notion that this is little more than an advert for Lloyd Webber's latest production, but that criticism is a bit misplaced.

Not because those who have been having a dig at the BBC for its free plugging of Lord Webber's Oliver don't have a point, but misplaced because this show is utterly hideous from start to finish.

The over enthusiastic, stage school self-satisfaction of it all seems to that.

With a cloying desperation to make it on the stage, the wannabe Nancys and Olivers strut their stuff each week as we head closer to the inevitable, overly dramatic finale in which one of each group will land a part in the West End.

If ever there was a talent contest glorified beyond all reasonable doubt then this is it.

Two weeks ago, Lloyd Webber stormed off of the set as the closing titles set in.

The reason was that the British public had picked up their telephones,



DON'T STAY IN: There has to be a reason to watch these talent shows but it escapes me

spent their money on the calls and disagreed with who he thought should be voted out.

How dare they?

Over on ITV1, Britain's Got Talent is also waving the talent show flag.

This is a bit like X Factor for dummies but, unlike its BBC counterpart, at least this slice of showbiz doesn't take itself too seriously.

The public remind us that we have a true mix of the bad, sad and truly mad and it's only very rarely that we see something truly worthy of the word talent.

Simon Cowell is still on fine form, dispensing ever bolder statements about how bad performers are, and ex-tabloid editor Piers Morgan also chips in with a few bombastic insults of his own.

While neither programme is worth staying in for on a Saturday, of the two BGT is at least a little endearing, not that Cowell would ever admit it.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

FORGING a partnership is an excellent idea but you may have to do all the running so swallow your pride and do what's necessary. Changes are on the horizon with regard to your home. Although you're not a big fan of change, this one will give you a tremendous emotional lift.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

THERE'S never been a better time to get a new look. When you look good, you feel good. You could be paid handsomely for your creative work so price your creations as any professional would. Contrary to popular belief, artists can make lots of money doing what they love best.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU'RE bursting with energy and confidence, which helps you overcome some formidable obstacles. This is a great week to launch an exercise program or train for a race. It's best not to discuss controversial topics in mixed company or a good friendship could be torn apart.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU face fierce competition in the professional arena. Fortunately, you'll be able to outperform your rivals, provided you stay healthy and rested. A good night's sleep will make all the difference between victory and defeat. A new relationship could make its way into your life.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR personal life is becoming a little more stable, much to your relief. It's nice to know you have people to lean on when times get tough. Don't be too stringent about the way your home should be organised. The more flexible you are, the happier your domestic situation will be.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

THERE'S no point arguing with a stubborn relative. They are refusing to try anything new, even if it's in their best interests. Unfortunately, it won't be easy to escape their influence. You may have to devise some underhanded ways to enjoy your freedom.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754



VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU'LL need to resume some responsibilities this week. Fortunately, you're feeling fresh and well rested. It's important to stay in constant communication with an authority figure or your boss will think you are out of order. If a friend asks you to accompany them on a trip, accept immediately.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOU'RE going to have to conduct yourself professionally if you're going to rise through the ranks. As much as it pains you to do so, you need to dress the part. You've been blessed with wit, intelligence, and charm. That may not be enough. It's time to prove you can play by the rules, too.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

THE pressure is back on over your daily responsibilities. It may be necessary to put in long hours at work, or cover for a colleague who is sick. People are extra sensitive this week. A new earning opportunity could fall in your lap. Spend the money on a romantic vacation or sporting event.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

Joining a group or making time for friends is good for you. You make more progress by working as a member of a team. It's possible you'll be trusted with a serious work project. This assignment won't come naturally, but it will give you some valuable skills. Forget any nagging fears.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IT'S possible you will be asked to work in obscurity. This may not sit well with you, but don't despair. It could be that this stint will lead to better things. Follow your instincts, especially at work. Money could finally be awarded to you. Put this in a retirement fund or pay some bills.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR sex drive may go through the stratosphere this week. If you're single, make a move on someone sexy who tickles your fancy. If you already have a partner, arrange for a rendezvous. Health problems could crop up. Once this situation clears up, you'll have much more energy.

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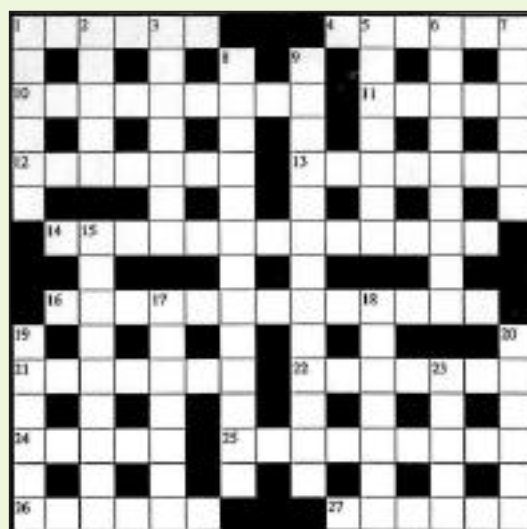
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- 1 Put round a royal house (6)
- 4 Refuge for some queasy lumberjacks (6)
- 10 Restrict studies on transport (9)
- 11 Part of pound I deliberately opened (5)
- 12 Enthusiastic about car Lily wrecked (7)
- 13 One who performs public duty for policeman (7)
- 14 Annoyed having query to problem that's much discussed (5,8)
- 16 Good girl interrogating first about monocle (8-5)
- 21 Pal idly playing on this on pond (4,3)
- 22 Not well along part of coast using this compartment (7)
- 24 I believe cardinal in company (5)
- 25 Barber's shop where customers are overcharged (4-5)
- 26 Cockney man encounters on the way back respect (6)
- 27 Most strikes occur at this time (6)

DOWN

- 1 Select the French preserve (6)
- 2 Crescent-shaped calendar? (5)
- 3 Dead skin slashed, lice removed (7)
- 5 Pass on informally (5,2)
- 6 Sour lucid concoction was laughable (9)
- 7 New way fleet followed (6)
- 8 Pantomime bird? (9,4)
- 9 Less than one alien bringing earth from abroad (2,7,4)
- 15 High-spirited coming from blue inlet (9)
- 17 Number assisting mail-sorter in America (3,4)
- 18 Secure long talk about disease (7)
- 19 Glass plants are forced under (6)
- 20 Evergreen lady (6)
- 23 Fish born on stream (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Hebrew patriarch (6)
- 4 Celestial region (6)
- 10 Communist policy-making committee (9)
- 11 Pawnbroker (5)
- 12 Redecorate (7)
- 13 Afternoon performance (7)
- 14 Two-humped mammal (8,5)
- 16 Decorative design (4,3,6)
- 21 Jester (7)
- 22 Twirl (7)
- 24 Neck injury (5)
- 25 Gradual development (9)
- 26 Six-headed monster (6)
- 27 3-D (6)

DOWN

- 1 Jesting (6)
- 2 Shropshire from 1974 to 1980 (5)
- 3 Sound of steps (7)
- 5 Prickly-pear (7)
- 6 Considered with surrounding circumstances (2,7)
- 7 Intelligent (6)
- 8 One watching over another (8,5)
- 9 Exchange of information (13)
- 15 Impractical (4-5)
- 17 Diver's air-tube (7)
- 18 Part of a whole (7)
- 19 Counting-frame (6)
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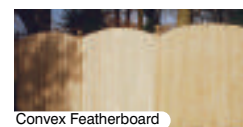
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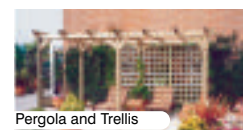


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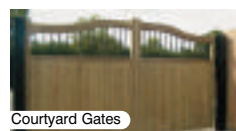


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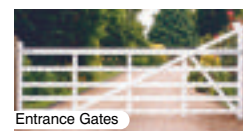


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IRON MAN (12A)



Based upon Marvel's iconic superhero, Iron Man tells the story of Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr), a billionaire industrialist and inventor who is kidnapped and forced to build a devastating weapon. Following a life-threatening accident Stark injects his nervous system with a techno-organic virus to save his life.

MADE OF HONOUR (12A)



Made of Honour revolves around Tom (Patrick Dempsey) and Hannah (Michelle Monaghan), who have been friends for 10 years. While Hannah has always been interested in Tom, he has always treated her as a friend. He's a serial dater, while she wants marriage, she just hasn't found Mr Right...yet.

P2 (18)



Angela Bridges (Rachel Nichols), a young executive, works late before she leaves for a family party. When she gets down to the parking garage, she discovers her car won't start. The garage is deserted and her cell phone does not work. When Thomas (Wes Bentley), a security guard, offers to help, Angela nervously accepts his gesture of good will.

Walking to work
from the office

■ BY SARAH O'MEARA

I DON'T even notice Mackenzie Crook until he tries to slide past my chair, he is so unassuming. The actor who made his name as Gareth in *The Office* apologises needlessly and takes his seat with a tentative smile.

Perhaps it is the 10 years he spent on the comedy circuit trying to break into acting – “I only meant to do it for two or three” – or the fact that he sees himself as an ordinary dad living in north London – “my daughter's three months old and my son is five – but Crook doesn't seem to have let his time hanging out with Johnny Depp while filming *Pirates Of The Caribbean* go to his head.

Here to discuss his latest film, *Three And Out*, about a Tube driver who takes desperate measures to escape his miserable life, once he starts talking, there's no mistaking David Brent's hollow-eyed, war-obsessed right-hand man.

Despite his new-found fame, the 36-year-old, who was born in Maidstone and grew up in Dartford, says he still finds descriptions of his physical appearance, such as ‘cadaverous’, rather unfair.

“I know I'm thin and have bags under my eyes, but that means corpse-like. But that's the look that's got me most of the parts I've played.”

And as if aware that complaining about his looks is, at best, ridiculous, the actor grins. Since *The Office*, Crook has been embraced by Hollywood. Given a recurring role as Ragetti in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* trilogy, which has grossed almost \$3 billion, he's also worked with Johnny Depp in *Finding Neverland* and Matt Damon in *The Brothers Grimm*.

“I feel like I'm very lucky to be working as a professional actor and don't feel I have the right to turn down a role. During *Pirates* I was away for a very long time, almost six months

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of my son's first year. Doing *Three And Out* was mostly based around north London which was ideal because I could walk to work.”

In his latest film, Mackenzie plays Paul Callow, a depressed Underground train driver who wants to be a writer. After watching two people fall under his train, his workmates tell him that three ‘one-unders’ in a month equals instant retirement and a payout. And – on the edge of breakdown – Paul decides to find someone willing to be his third.

The movie has already been the subject of controversy. Accusing the film's makers of insensitivity, the union of train drivers protested at the premiere, arguing that suicide shouldn't be a source of comedy.

“It's a bit disappointing, I have to admit that,” Crook says diplomatically. “It's not like my character enjoys running someone over and gleefully goes off to try and do it again. He is traumatised by it. It's also not what we dwell on, and not what the movie's about.”

“I think when the people who are objecting go to the movie, they'll be pleasantly surprised.”



VERY LUCKY: Mackenzie Crook spent 10 years on the comedy circuit before breaking into acting

During the film, Paul Callow has a fling with future Bond girl Gemma Arterton. Crook says for the first time he was faced with a love scene.

“Admittedly she didn't know she was a Bond girl at the time,” he laughs. “That was a bonus. It was interesting that there was this romantic storyline in there, because I'm not often offered those sorts of parts.”

But at the moment, everyone seems to love him. Well, apart from the train drivers' union.



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Homeowners glad to recommend builder to friends

AROUND three quarters of people living in new houses are satisfied with the standard of construction and would recommend their builder to a friend who wanted work done.

The third annual Customer Satisfaction Survey by the Home Builders Federation showed a 76 per cent approval rate on the question of quality, with 75 per cent happy to recommend whoever did the work to others.

The results were very similar to last year, with variations of just two per cent in the proportion of satisfied persons.

The survey comes after an attack on the industry as a whole by entrepreneur Eddie Shaha, who called into question standards of workmanship in an article to a magazine entitled Show Home.

This article was attacked in turn by Alan Ritchie, general secretary of UK construction workers union UCATT.

Federation chairman Stewart Baseley said: "Ensuring that customers are happy with their new homes is of crucial importance to homebuilders."

Villages appeal to quarter of people in dream survey

A WISH list of dream homes has shown that around a quarter of people would like to live in a small village.

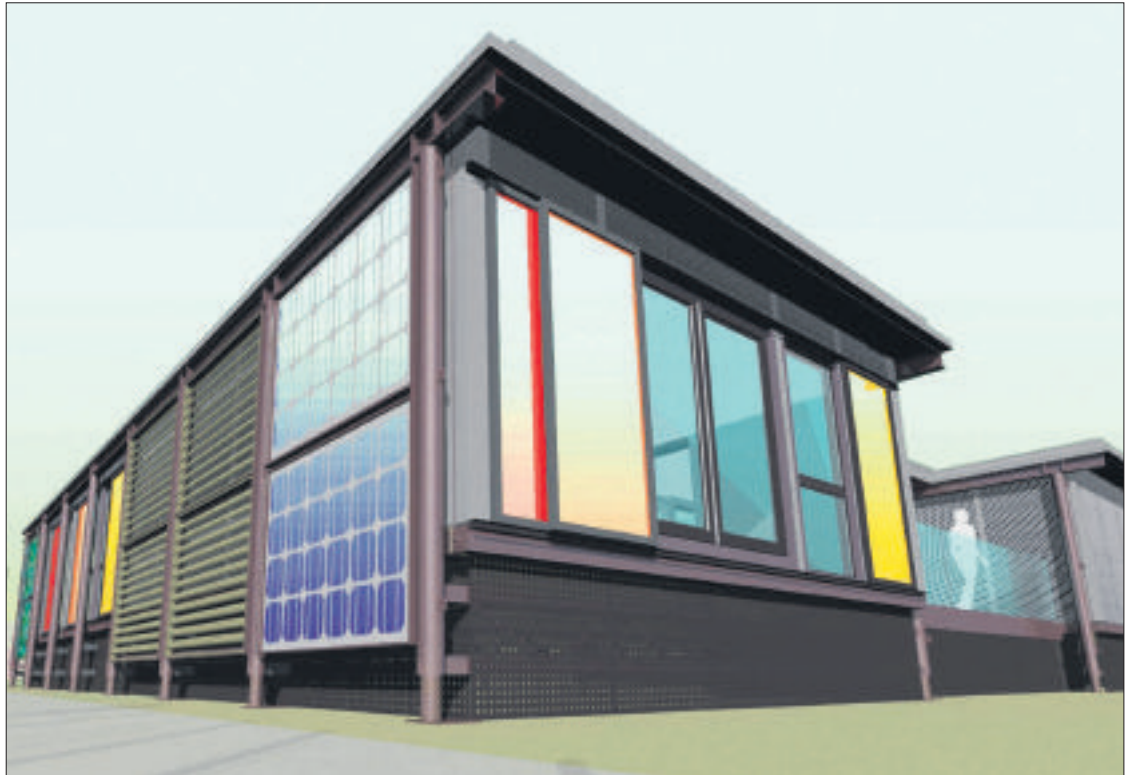
The traditional idea of a country dwelling full of character tops the list of respondents to the survey by insurance firm Legal and General, called Home Sweet Homes.

The survey looked at what was on offer in town and country and found the village was soaring in popularity – up to 25 per cent chose it following on from just eight per cent last year.

The number of people wanting to live in a city was nine per cent, while the countryside polled in 16 per cent.

But only 15 per cent said their home matched up to their aspirations.

Legal and General's insurance marketing director Garry Skelton said: "The survey would indicate that people are still positive about the housing market given the number of respondents who still wish to live in their dream home."



THE FUTURE: A Kent company's design for this eco-home was one of the main attractions at this year's Ideal Home Show.

How green is our county?

■ BY NICK AMES

THE county leads the way when it comes to eco-friendly features in homes, according to a study of how green the UK's houses really are.

Solar panels, wind turbines or rainwater harvesting systems are most common in Kent – with 53 properties on the market in the county having one or more of these.

Devon came next with 52, while Hampshire (42), Surrey (36) and Somerset (34) all did well.

In the north of England the picture wasn't so good with people putting eco home improvements way down the agenda when it

comes to houses on the market.

The survey was undertaken by Globrix, an industry analyst group which is part owned by newspaper publishers News International.

It discovered that the more stable market in the South provided an equity buffer which would fund possibly expensive and optional extras.

Homes with environmentally friendly features where in short supply in the North and Midlands – where the first dip in the housing market was noticed around a year ago.

Solar panels, which use the sun's energy to heat water or warm a property, have become increasingly popular.

Turbines can generate electricity, while collecting rainwater cuts down on bills.

Other green initiatives include replacing standard light bulbs with energy-saving ones, improving insulation, low-flow showerheads which cut down on water waste.

Window tinting to reduce heat loss in winter and heat gain in summer is also becoming more popular.

But estate agents admit that they still regard the eco-friendly accessories and modifications as a luxury rather than an integral

part of the features of a property.

James Scott-Lee of Chancellors said: "I am yet to come across one (buyer) who has come back to say they are unhappy with the energy certificate for a property, or that they want a lump of money off because they are going to have to install solar panels."

Other estate agents say they feel homeowners are nervous of installing improvements for which they may not be able to recoup the cost in a resale.

Neil Chegvidden, head of residential research at industry specialists Jones Lang Lassalle said: "In a weaker market buyers, particularly at the bottom end, are just looking for value for money."

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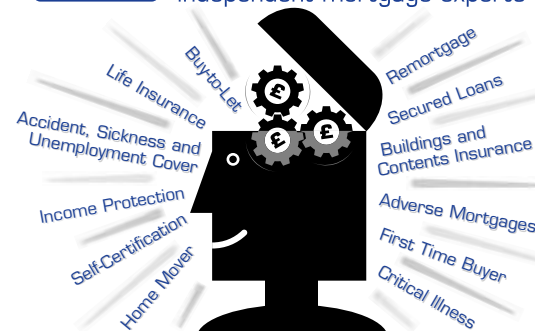


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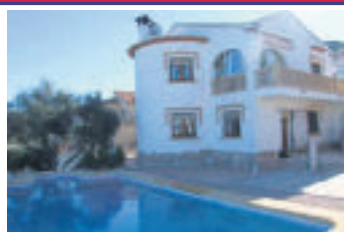
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Black female, 32, 5'8", likes cooking, reading, going out, WLTW a nice man 34-50, downearth and fun to be with, to find out more. Box 438555

EXPRESSLY YOURS

31yo Chinese girl, 5'4", slim, no children, seeking tall, white, loving, caring, all-Asian male for serious relationship. Box 438331

MY CHERYL AMOUR!

Hi I'm Cheryl, 31, 5'10", blonde, size 10, have 2 girls, I like walking, the gym and socialising, seeking a similar male for potential partnership. Box 437744

ALL IN GOOD TIME

Single Mum, 30, 5'10", short brown hair, petite, loves pubs, clubs, eating out, nights in, seeking Mr Right for friendship, maybe more. Box 437895

NOT PICKY!

Upbeat girl, 31, bored silly and just looking for friends to go out and have a laugh with, nothing else. Preferably students in the Canterbury. Box 895165

LIVE, LAUGH & LOVE

Lively, attractive female, 32, 5'5", looking to meet that someone special to share life, laughter and love. Box 429124

THE GENTLE LADY

Single Mum of 2, 35, great SOH, works full time, seeking male with GSOH, fun-loving and romantic, for possible relationship. Box 438417

PRETTY WOMAN WANTS HER RICHARD GERE

I'm 37, 5'8", mousey long hair, grey eyes, love bubble bath, love pubs, clubs, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactful, N/S gent, possibly romantic. Box 438527

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5'8", brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeking genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

DON'T PASS ME BY

Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for potential or possibly romance. Box 897985

OH MANDY

Lovely single Mum, 38, 5'4", blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTW similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372889

ON MANDY

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes going out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

NEVER SAY NEVER

Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating & laughing, fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

NO REGRETS

Bubbly, separated female, 40, slim, love meeting new people and enjoying life, looking for an understanding man for happiness. Box 895246

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL

Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTW a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 438102

RESTORE MY FAITH

Hi, I'm 41, a single Mum, professional, Christian, lacking confidence and looking to meet someone to share my life with & be there for me. Box 438492

ROUND TWO

41yr old female, separated with 3 children, medium build, dark hair, seeking a male to share life with again who enjoys swimming, cinema, music and holidays! Box 438268

FOREVER YOURS

I'm Caroline, 42, single mum, likes having fun, eating out, white bears, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 438952

TAKE A CHANCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414159

ON THE WINGS OF LOVE

Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat. Box 895908

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeking good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814572

AS NICE AS CAN BE!

44yr old female, dark hair, brown eyes, 5'8", fun-loving, love socialising, cinema, chilling out, seeking a similar male to fall in love with. Box 438885

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5'8", slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with. Box 438810

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, evening out, seeking WLTW N/S man to share things with. Box 429682

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE?

One woman, 45, no kids, one life, honest, warm and kind. Are you tall, honest, single, motivated, and generous? If so, contact me. Box 518163

DON'T PASS ME BY

Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, eating, eating out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441

ON PLATE

Caring, honest 49yr old female, 5'2", eyes blue, redhead, likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTW male for fun and friendship. Box 895922

SOFA SO GOOD!

Sally, 46yr old woman, small and slim, brown hair with hazel eyes, likes music, films, animals, days out and snuggling on the sofa. Box 893566

SHINE A LIGHT ON ME

Happy, fit, quite shy and reserved, looking for someone special! I'm 5'10", blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, active, have one dog, full time. Box 438726

ALONG THE SHORE

Fun loving 48yr old female, I enjoy wine and dining, romantic, GSOH, WLTW handsome, caring, adventurous man, 45-50. Box 439554

ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428633

ENTERTAIN ME

49yo female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular wine, dining, love and laughter, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438654

IT'S IN THE AIR

Lovely female, 49, divorced, 5'10", shoulder-length blonde hair, green eyes, size 16, likes dining out, staying in, walks in the country, seeking LTR with similar male. Box 437729

SHE'S THE ONE!

Young female, 48, medium build, 5'10", dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 438607

DIG DEEPER

Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover. Box 435441

HERE WE GO

Young female, 50, 5'10", slim, bubbly, outgoing, GSOH, loves animals, walks, eating out, nights in with wine, seeks genuine male 45-55 for friendship & more. Box 438607

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD

Loving and loyal 50yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 46-56 for friendship. Box 809274

ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK

Loving, lively, cuddly female, 50, 5'8", loves rock music, walking, films, WLTW easygoing male for uncomplicated relationship, good times. Box 894299

SEEKING MR RIGHT

I'm Karen, 51, 5'10", blonde, blue-eyed, medium build, GSOH, considerate, like keeping fit, romantic nights out, bowling, tennis, lots of sports, seeking male who enjoys life. Box 518163

WHITESTAR WONDERLAND

I'm Vette, 50, separated, blonde hair/eyes, size 12, 5'2", likes cinema, meals and drinks out, reading, walks, looking for male, 40-60, for friendship. Box 420182

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

36yo female, 5'10", blonde, love tennis and pubs, walks, travelling, WLTW a gent from any background and of any interests for potential relationship. Box 439993

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?

Lady, bubbly and affectionate, attractive 51, dark hair, enjoys nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585

A STROLL IN THE GARDEN

51yr old female, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes gardening, reading, travelling, seeking a nice gent for company and perhaps more. Box 439670

KENT CALLING!

Hi, I'm kind, caring, attractive lady, 53yr young, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, GSOH, enjoy walks, reading, travelling etc. WLTW tall, considerate man for friendship. Box 438581

INDEPENDENT WOMAN

Bright, bubbly lady, 52, 5'4", blonde hair, enjoys recently divorced, own home and car, enjoys cinema, eating out, drinks, loves yourself guy for friendship/companionship and who knows. Box 894117

LIKES THE NICE

Happy, fit, 50yo, single, divorced female, 50s, 5'4", own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901

PUT SPARK INTO LIFE

Happy, 51yr old female, 5'5", blonde hair, living in the country near Hythe, seeks gentleman of similar disposition and means. Box 897922

PLANT THE SEEDS

Classy intelligent, divorced, attractive lady, 59, slim & active; enjoys travel, walking, holidays, sport, gardening. WLTW sincere, intelligent gentleman initially for friendship, maybe more. Box 910138

THE MOST OF LIFE

N/S female, 59, grey hair, blue eyes, 5'10", enjoys most things in life still works, WLTW someone for friendship and companionship, perhaps more. Box 439570

WALK THE WALK

HEIR Nick, athletic build, slim, 5'11", brown hair/eyes, looking for fun, friendship and more. Love countryside, walks, beaches. Box 439213

THE LOOK OF LOVE

Steve, 34, 5'10", short dark hair, slim, good-looking, GSOH, likes most things; music, sports, cinema, WLTW female, 25-35, for a possible relationship. Box 439773

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP?

HEIR 53yo, 5'10", dark hair/blue eyes, I like cinema, theatre, meals out, cosy nights in with a take away, keep me entertained. Box 439213

YOU NEVER KNOW

Genuine guy, 59, fair hair, 35, I like cars, music, pub/cubs. Looking for a genuine woman to spend time with. Box 439095

FRESH AIR

Smart, attractive, bubbly blonde, 71, medium build, N/S, own house, GSOH, lives on coast, enjoys most things, WLTW smart gentleman for friendship, maybe more. Box 438147

HAND IN HAND

Dorothy, 72, young-at-heart, blonde, slim, likes dancing, meals out, having fun and socialising, seeking a gent with similar interests for companionship and more. Box 439868

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Jason, 38, 5'8", likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cycling, seeks genuine female for friendship and good times. Box 433326

MOVING ON

Hi I'm 38, 5'8", medium-stokey build, 2 children, love bike-rides, swimming, walks, seeks female partner for fun, friendship, and to start new life together. Box 438581

COME MEET MY ROCKY

Independent male, 38, slim, 5'8", short brown hair, likes going out, cinema, restaurants, staying in, has a cocktail, seeks lovely lady to wine and dine. Box 438305

GET BACK TO US

Caring, reliable, attractive male, 36, dark hair/blue eyes, N/S, no kids, GSOH, sociable, seeks kind, down-to-earth, attractive female, for company and hopefully romance. Margate. Box 410653

A CERTAIN SMILE

Peter, 38, 5'11", slim, enjoys music, cinema, dancing, restaurants, seeking loving female, for friendship leading to more. Chatham. Box 438384

COME DINE WITH ME

Frank, 41, a carpenter, 5'10", very down-to-earth, medium build, nervous! Seeking a female for friendship, companionship, maybe something more with the right person. Box 439853

IN TUNE WITH ME?

Rob, 31, enjoys pubs, clubs, music, seeks similar female for friendship and more. Bedford. Box 430020

COME ON OVER

Kevin, 33, 5'8", interested in animals, pool, volunteer work, swimming, seeking similar female to travel with and perhaps find love. Box 439840

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MINDS HIS OWN BUSINESS!

MOTORS NEWS



Enjoy the chance of an escape to Italy

ROMANTICS could win a luxury holiday to Verona, Italy – top prize at this weekend's test drive event at KAP Nissan, Folkestone.

Verona, setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, was chosen to reflect the luxurious spec on models such as the Micra Acenta+, Micra C+C Acenta (pictured) and Note Acenta R models, including Bluetooth phone integration, air con, electric mirrors and alloys.

KAP's Graham Furneaux said: "Motorists will fall for the Micra and Note's style, elegance and great performance. And with a chance to win a trip to one of the most romantic cities in the world, we're certain they'll find it hard to resist a visit."



Others offer the Long Way Down

COLLEAGUES at Baileys, Canterbury, are also tempting people into test drives this weekend, but concentrating on Nissan's now formidable 4x4 range.

Early arrivals could walk away with a DVD box set of eight adventure-themed films including 'Long Way Down' – Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman's motorcycle trek down South Africa, with two hardy Nissan Patrols as back-up.

Models on offer this weekend include a special edition Navara pick-up (pictured) with leather seats, sunroof and 'Long Way Down' flashes, badge and floor mats – from £17,995+VAT.



Others back the bikes

CHRYSLER'S all-new seven-seat Grand Voyager has demonstrated its people and cargo-lugging powers by acting as support vehicle for the three-day/120-mile Lady Mayoress' Charity Cycle Ride from Canterbury to Arras in Northern France.

The car was supplied by Dutton Forshaw – the Chrysler Jeep Dodge dealer at Broad Oak Road, Canterbury – where dealer principal Lynne Kennard said: "This was a great event to be involved with and we had the perfect car to act as support vehicle in our new Grand Voyager."



CONQUEST: Citroën's new C5 has a distinctly Germanic feel to its design and advertising campaign, however the price tag it comes with is a lot more French

Citroën's 'Touch of Klaus' turns tables on Germans

CONTROVERSY often drives successful ads, so Citroën will be happy with politically correct grumbles about the 'teutonic' launch campaign for its new C5.

It headlines with a Wagnerian TV clip complete with sword duel, busty serving girls and an ompah band – stereotyping described as "inappropriate and tasteless" by a few MPs.

But public reaction has been positive for a campaign also featuring lines like "A Touch of Klaus", "Deutsch Marque", "Smit Hot" and, for the forthcoming estate model, "Das Boot".

By now, nobody can be unaware that this quintessentially French car maker is taking on German makers at their own game.

The new C5 is still quirky, but the newcomer even looks German, apart from Citroën's new chrome 'moustache' across the bonnet rather than Audi's heavy 'goatee'.

Having caught the eye, Citroën has been careful not to disappoint, with a Germanic quality about the feel of the car, although prices start from a non-Audi £16,995.

ROAD TEST CITROËN C5

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

This has been made possible by conventional steel suspension on cheaper versions, with Citroën's trademark air-springing used higher up the range. Unfortunately, I was unable to try the former since the car loaned by Wilmoths of Ashford was an upmarket Exclusive with the hydro-pneumatic layout.

For the moment, this is the preferred choice anyway according to Wilmoths' manager John Ives, although he predicted more sales with the conventional layout as more people realise the new C5's blend of value and style.

I cannot argue with his confidence; looking beyond the frills of the 138bhp 2.0HDI Exclusive Auto (£21,595) I drove, it is not hard to see the C5's powerful underlying proposition in terms of style, comfort, fit and finish.

Citroën diehards will be happy they can still buy the famous 'feather-bed' suspension, especially as Citroën has tightened its tendency to roll into the bends, if not the rather light steering.

But you can also see how 'Germanic' underpinnings on cheaper versions could win new buyers in the increasingly competitive family/company car sector.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

VAUXHALL ASTRA



LAUNCHED in 2004, the latest Astra retains a freshness that comes from distinctive design. It also has driver appeal, build quality and good engine range. However, as a big seller to the fleet sector, used prices and choice are also excellent – ideal as an affordable and spacious replacement for something bigger. Diesels are good, but better mpg offered by that fuel is negated by its higher cost, so don't ignore the 1.6 and 1.8-litre petrol units.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

SEAT LEON



IT has taken car buyers longer to see the VW connection with Seat than it has with Skoda, but there is more momentum for the Spanish brand in the UK. However, the previous Leon based on the VW Golf Mark IV continues to be overlooked as an affordable used car buy; it has Golf underpinnings but is far more stylish, better to drive and boasts some of the best hot hatchbacks of recent years – the Cupra and Cupra Type R (pictured).

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

BMW 1-SERIES



IT will never win a beauty contest with its bluff face and saggy bodyline, but the BMW 1-Series is a formidable player on the used market – an affordable route into a badge that carries street cred and can ease the pain of downsizing. It is a tightly-sprung yet rewarding car to drive, but rear-wheel drive ensures the back seat and boot are a little cramped. Running costs are manageable and the diesels are good news for saving on fuel.

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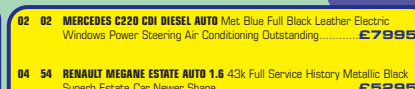
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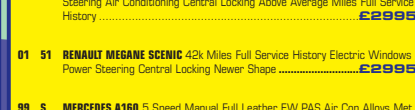
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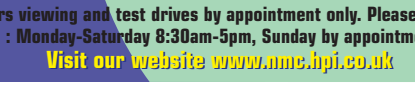
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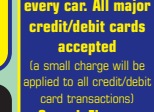
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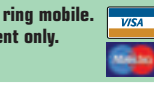
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A3, 2.0 TDI (140) Sport 3dr, v530tm, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, sports seats, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, stability control, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear spoiler, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, electric mirrors, dual climate zones, cd player, alloy wheels, metallic grey, 64000 miles, £10490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

A4, 1.9 TDI 130 se estate, 2003, blue m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £8950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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Kent is seeking to appoint candidates on a part-time basis to work in one centre, or alternatively on a full-time basis to work across two centres. Ref: CFE/08/0172.

If you would like further information about these exciting posts please contact in the first instance Dion Darley on 01622 626761 or email dion.darley@kent.gov.uk

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If you would like an informal discussion before making an application, please contact Adrian Hammond, Housing Strategy Manager on 01303 853747.

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: The Sportsman, 23 The Street, Sholden, Deal
Applicant: Mrs Janice Coleman

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Martin Alfred
Head of Registration, Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX



Audit of Accounts

2007-08 Accounts

Any interested person may inspect and copy the accounts and related documents between 10am and 4pm, from 27 May to 23 June 2008 at Kent Police Headquarters, Sutton Road, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9BZ. Telephone 01622 652761.

Any Elector for the areas of the Kent County Council and Medway Council may request a meeting with the auditor to question him about the accounts or make an objection on any matter in respect of which the auditor could take action under the Audit Commission Act 1998 (ie an unlawful item of account; failure to bring a sum into account; a loss or deficiency caused by wilful misconduct) or could make a report.

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds. A copy of such notice may be sent to me at the address below.

Requests to meet the auditor to ask questions or make objections in relation to the accounts should be sent to: Darren Wells, Appointed Auditor, Audit Commission, 16 South Park, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1SN.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Conference hears of green initiatives

A HEATING scheme fuelled by wood waste, an office 'pool bike', and the cultivation of urban pocket habitats are just some of the green initiatives local businesses are undertaking to reduce their impact on the environment.

These were among the presentations made at C4B's first environment conference, held on Earth Day recently in the main hall at Canterbury College.

C4B - Canterbury for Business - was launched in 2003. It is an economic partnership between the public, private and voluntary organisations operating within the district of Canterbury.

Businesses join C4B as associate members free of charge.

Seminars promise to be eye-opening

COMPANIES survive on their sales numbers, but it's an eye-opening experience to look at the deficiencies of modern-day selling systems and sales techniques, says one firm.

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They are tomorrow (Thursday) and May 13, 9.30am-11.45am, at Kings Hill Conference and Training Centre West Malling. Contact Khaled Kassem-Toufic, managing director, on 07710 091949 or kkt100@sandler.com.

Printer gets bigger

ASHFORD printer Headley Brothers has commissioned its second ten-colour long perfecting printing press, which cements the company's position as one of the largest sheet-fed printers in the UK with 50 units.

The firm provides a digital, sheetfed and web printing service to a nationwide market, producing magazines, journals, annual reports and commercial material.

No gimmicks - just a good CV

NOT making spelling mistakes and ensuring the layout is eye-catching - elementary considerations when writing a CV.

But all too often when it comes to landing an interview for a dream job many people are too lazy when it comes to presenting themselves in the best light.

A survey of CVs by an online recruitment site has found that four out of every ten received by an employer contain fundamental errors.

Spelling mistakes, poor punctuation and bad design or layout lead the list of worst CV crimes.

Jobsincredit.com interviewed 100 HR professionals at some of the UK's leading organisations.

As well as poor attention to detail, other errors included the omission of qualifications, key dates and even contact details for referees.

Brett Marlow, director of Jobsincredit.com, said: "With spelling and grammar checkers built into word processors, there's simply no excuse for a CV to contain typos.

"As for design, the principle offenders are the use of outlandish fonts and poor layout. A great CV needs to be easy to read."

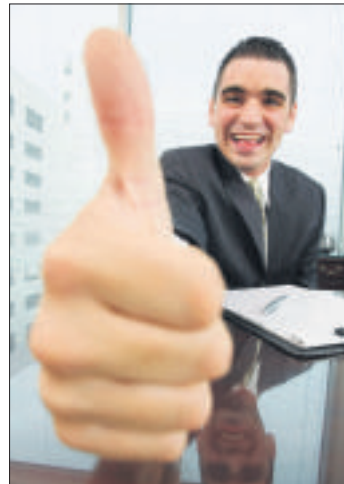
To help improve the country's CVs, Jobsincredit.com offers the following advice.

Presentation: First impressions really do matter so it's important your CV looks fantastic. If it's going to be printed and posted, use the highest quality paper you can. Wherever possible, get your CV printed on a laser printer. Never send a photocopied CV.

Length: One page is ideal and two pages are quite acceptable. Some senior or technical roles may run to three pages - but no more.

Layout: The CV should be eye-catching and uncluttered. Use bold text, underlining and bullet points to achieve this - but don't go over the top.

Relevance: Only include the information that sells you - prospective employers don't want to waste time reading details irrelevant to your ability to fulfil the job role.



WRITE STUFF: Make sure you get the job of your dreams - by ensuring your CV gets you to the interview

Structure: Place the most relevant information at the top so that prospective employers see this first.

For example, recent graduates will probably have stronger qualifications than work experience so should describe their education before their career summary.

Profile: All the best CVs have a professional profile on the first page. This should summarise the specific skills acquired during studies or employment and should carefully avoid any clichés.

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FANTASTIC SEASON: Dover RFC's play-off victory secured promotion to London 2 South

Sharks chief's promotion joy

RUGBY

DOVER RFC chairman Richard Catt has allowed himself to be swept along with the club's success and has pondered the thought of yet another promotion next season.

The Sharks were promoted to London 2 South through the play-offs to secure their fifth step up in the last six seasons.

As a result of their fantastic season, the Dover players were awarded caps at a special ceremony last week to commemorate their achievements.

They were given caps by the mayor at the Town Hall as a surprise, followed by a night at the club's ground where the side were able to digest what they had achieved.

As the Sharks continue their

ascent up the leagues, Catt has dared to think about the side doing it again next campaign.

He said: "Five promotions in six years is an amazing achievement and the players really deserved to be honored. I am truly very proud of everyone at this club.

"As for next season, I just don't know what is going to happen. For the last few years I have wanted us to aim for a safe position in the division, but the players have gone further than that and got promotion so you never know."

Dover take on four Kent teams in

London 2 South next season in the form of Beckenham, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells and Thanet Wanderers.

Coach Graham Tonks is looking forward to the new campaign already and hopes his players remain injury free again – a key as to why they did so well this season.

He said: "We've exceeded our expectations by far. We said let's just consolidate and go on from there, but we've worked hard and the club have given the first team great support.

"We came through a lot of games unscathed and have been relatively free of injuries, so it's been absolutely amazing."

Still time to enter sevens tournament

THE 61st East Kent Sevens tournament is being put on again by Dover Rugby Club this weekend.

The popular competition is held at Dover's Crabble ground on Sunday and is open to all teams in the county to enter.

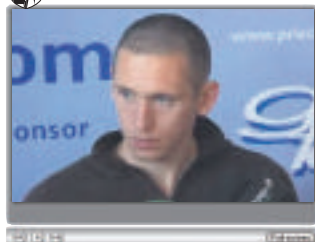
There are still places for sides to enter, all you have to do is download an invite letter and entry form on the club's website at www.doverrfc.co.uk to register your interest.

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Gills captain Andrew Crofts talks after the club's relegation from League One

Cricket club to pad up for new season

FOLKESTONE Cricket Club 1st XI start their campaign at the weekend against Whitstable.

It is being held at the club's Cheriton Road ground and Folkestone will be looking to get their Kent League Division One season off to the best possible start.

If you are interested in playing for one of the club's three teams that play on a Saturday, you should go to one of the games this season or join them at training on Tuesdays from 6pm to 8pm.

The colts side train on a Mondays from 5pm to 7pm.

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STAYING ON: Dover manager Andy Hessenthaler (right) has signed a new deal to stay at the Crabble and says Jon Wallis (left) has told him he will also commit his future to the club

Big boost for Whites as Hess signs new contract

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

DOVER Athletic's attempts to achieve back-to-back promotions have been boosted with the news Andy Hessenthaler has penned a new deal at the club.

The Dover boss led the Whites to the Ryman Division One South title in his first year at the club and is gunning for the Ryman Premier next term.

The former Gillingham manager signed a two-year contract to keep him at Crabble until 2011 and is delighted to be part of the club's bright future.

Delighted

He said: "The chairman offered me a new deal a few weeks ago but I decided not to sign as I wanted to see out the season.

"I am delighted to sign the contract as I am really enjoying my time at Dover and I have ambitions of moving this club up the ladder. Darren Hare [assistant manager] and I come as

a package if you like, so I am glad he has signed a deal too which will keep him alongside me.

"Good things are happening at this club and I really want to be a part of that.

"When you win something as a manager it does raise the eyebrows of other teams but I am fully committed to Dover and I am really looking forward to the next challenge."

The Whites released five players last week as Hessenthaler begins to build a squad for the Ryman Premier.

Goalkeeper Dean Ruddy, defender Matt Bourne, midfielder Jack Tanner, winger Byron Walker and versatile defender Craig Wilkins have all left Crabble, while Matt Fish, Sam Gore, James Rogers, Laurence Ball and John Keister have now all signed new one-year deals.

Hessenthaler added: "It is hard to let players

go, especially when they have been a part of a championship-winning team, but it is part of the job of being a manager. I sat down with all the players and they were all good about it.

"Some of the players have played significant parts of the promotion-winning season and I am grateful but unfortunately this happens in football. I am glad most of the players have signed or been offered deals but I will be looking to bring some more players in.

"I spoke to Jon Wallis the other day and he has not yet signed, but he told me he will commit his future to the club with a one-year deal.

"As for John Keister, he deserves another year at the club. He was our player of the season and I believe his experience could be crucial and hopefully we will be able to retain the services of Alan Pouton who has had a stop-start season.

"As for me, I will probably have a break and go on holiday with the family but I know all I will be thinking about is about football and pre-season. My wife is used to it now so it shouldn't be a problem."

Own goal puts end to Hythe's trophy hopes

FOOTBALL

BY FRED ATKINS

Hythe Town 0 Erith Town 1

DAVE Cook's 39th-minute own goal ended Hythe's hopes of silverware this season, as they lost a drab Kent League Cup Final to Erith.

Dave Skelton and keeper Paul Hyde failed to deal with a corner from Kevin George and Cook had no time to react before he deflected the ball in.

Hythe improved in the second-half but Gavin Ransley's header was cleared off the line and with the Dockers hitting the bar late on, Fisk said he had few complaints.

He told Yourshepway: "We just didn't play very well in the first half. Whether it was nerves I don't know but if we'd played anything like we can we'd have won."

Fisk admitted injuries had taken a toll: "We played with some tired players and Lee Winfield was carrying an injury, as was Buster Smissen who was struggling with his knee – but these aren't excuses."

The Hythe boss also felt his side had exceeded expectations this season, saying: "Straight after the game I was disappointed but if you'd asked me at the start of the season I'd have said finishing fourth for a team is an achievement and we beat Dover in the FA Cup, which was brilliant."

"We've just tailed off a bit. I did think it was



KEPT OUT: Hythe (in red) failed in their bid to lift the Kent League Cup against Erith Town

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maybe because of the cup final, but it's something we can look at for next season. I'll spend 24 hours feeling sorry for myself then I'll get on with planning for next season."

Finding a sponsor for next year is crucial,

according to Fisk. "I want to be able to push on," he said. "But it does depend on the financial side. At the moment the majority of our players are local, but we might be able to tap up some others. Whatever happens we'll try to push on."

Loyal Cugley on why he can't leave Invicta

FOOTBALL

NEIL Cugley may not have made a full recovery from the disappointment of last week's defeat to Maidstone, but despite speculation that he would either resign or be sacked after the club were relegated, Invicta confirmed that Cugley would remain in charge next season.

The man himself said his passion for the club banished any thought of walking out.

He said: "Sometimes you think about it [leaving]," he said, "But I've been here for 11 years, obviously I'm a local person and I want the club to do well."

Having declined offers from other clubs in the past, Cugley was glad the club reciprocated his loyalty: "I had offers at different times and you take that as a compliment, but I'm a Folkestone boy and I'm determined to turn it around."

"I'm on the phone pretty much all the time talking to players. We're looking to bring people in and obviously some will leave the club because their contracts have run out, but you just have to accept that."

However, Cugley dismissed the



STAYING PUT: Invicta boss Neil Cugley

idea that relegation could be a blessing in disguise.

He said: "It didn't seem like it. It's not a blessing when you've worked so hard to get to that level. But things have been sorted out of the pitch and that's pleasing – in fact the situation's as positive as it's been for years off the field."

A Folkestone XI lost 5-3 at home to Gillingham in a testimonial for Michael Everitt on Friday night, after leading 3-1 at one stage.

Top scores all round as 180 hit again and again

DARTS

WEEK six of the Dover Invitation Darts League could be called the 180 week, writes Paul Turner.

No fewer than seven 180s were hit in Division One alone. Surprisingly none of these were recorded in the top of the table clash in Division One between The Malvern and The Archer.

Before this fixture neither side had lost a match, and The Malvern ran out comfortable 7-2 winners.

The Malvern play the Bull A next week in another crucial game.

Ritchie Buckle, the 180 leader with six, recorded his latest against the Seaman's Mission in the Hairy Bull's 7-2 win. However, the shot of the night was Martin Pepe's 150 not shot for the Hairy.

It was the highest recorded this season, beating Ian Campbell's 132 from the opening week of the season.

The Boars Head B went 180 mad in their 5-4 victory over the Phoenix Cups. Lee Ware recorded his fourth of the season whilst Kevin Green and Paul Turner



CHAMPION: Lee Ware is the summer league 180 trophy holder

both recorded their first of the season. Lee Ware is the current trophy holder for the 180s in the summer league, last year he hit seven, a total that will be beaten this season, probably by more than one player.

Gary Mills and Ben Tester both hit 180s in the Bull A 7-2 win against the Diamond. Gordon Speakman responded with his first 180 of the season in the same match.

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I'LL DRINK TO THAT: Kent coach Graham Ford says his side will improve after a slow start to the season

Hard work will reap rewards, says Ford

KENT coach Graham Ford believes his side will come good despite a sluggish start to the season.

Rob Key's side were thrashed by ten wickets in their opening county championship clash with Nottinghamshire and followed that up with defeats in the Friends Provident Trophy against Essex and Middlesex.

Like last season, Kent's first-innings totals have not been up to scratch, having registered 162 against Nottinghamshire and 204 at Sussex.

However, Ford points to the 324 for one on the opening day of the tour match against New Zealand as signs his side are kicking into gear and addressing those problems.

He said: "The boys are working extremely hard. We had a slow start last summer, but as I kept saying then, their hard work deserves success and I believe they will get their rewards."

"They are a really good gang that support each other at all times."

"Hopefully we showed signs against New Zealand that we are getting better with a change in the order with James Tredwell coming in early, so hopefully that will help things. But these are things you have to work hard on and talk about, there is no miracle cure."

Tredwell was promoted to open in the absence of Key at Hove against Sussex last week where he scored a battling 40 and 53, before hitting an excellent 123 not out against New Zealand batting at number three.

Ford admits he has long pondered moving Tredwell up the order and he will continue to do so during the summer.

He said: "We certainly will be moving him up the order more regularly. It is something we have been talking with him about for a while now and at Hove he showed he is the right kind of player for that role."

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